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CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS



PHOENIX WRIGHT

The hero of our story. A hot-blooded defense attorney, referred to lovingly as "Nick." At a young age, he is managing his own firm, Wright & Co. Law Offices. Believing in his defendants' innocence, and raising his objections with a turnaround spirit, he presses toward the truth even now!!

MAYA FEY

The assistant at Wright & Co. Law Offices. With a bright and indomitable attitude, she is a good partner, who plays an active part helping Phoenix solve cases. She also has a playful side, and is a big fan of the action superhero, the Steel Samurai. Her favorite food is burgers, and she also likes miso ramen.

**Ace Phoenix Wright
Attorney**™

The characters, laws, and court procedures in this work are all fiction. Accordingly, the court system of this story is set in the near future, where the demand for expedited trials creates a different system than that of the present day.

THE JUDGE

The court judge, who looks dignified but actually is not. He has a habit of gullibly swallowing every scenario fed to him by Phoenix or Edgeworth. His name is unknown.



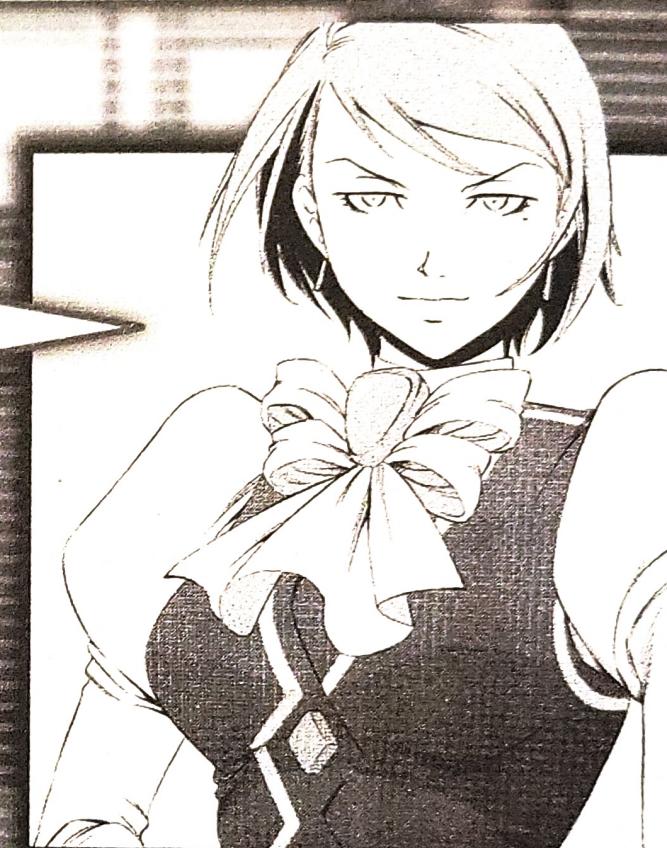
MILES EDGEWORTH

Phoenix's greatest rival. He has been known as a genius prosecutor ever since he started out in the profession. In fact, he and Phoenix knew each other as children, and were the best of friends, bound together by trust.



FRANZISKA VON KARMA

A strong-willed prosecutress whose goal is complete perfection. She will mercilessly flog anyone she dislikes with her beloved whip. Franziska sees Phoenix as her enemy, and so he, too, has been scourged by her lashings....



DICK GUMSHOE

A detective in charge of murder investigations. He's a few cards shy of a deck, and sometimes misses important clues. Every time he does, he gets a paycut, so his salary is very low.



WINSTON PAYNE

A veteran prosecutor, but he lacks presence, and is completely unreliable. Stress has caused his hairline to recede. In a word, he's dull.



TURNABOUT GURGITATION

CASE FILE

MILO "FAIRPLAY" KENT (29)



A miraculous champion, undefeated since his debut and loved by women for his good looks.

MEET THE GORMAND FIGHTERS

RISA IKO (28)



An ecologist who is using the Gormand Battle to teach the importance of caring for the environment.

ARNOLD "MUSCLES" BALBOA (34)



He crushes any dish in order to eat it at minimum volume. His body is covered in big muscles.

GALE CYCLONE (18)



A huge lover of mayonnaise, she gets her name from the whirlwind of mayonnaise she applies to all her food.

CALIENTE DEL FUEGO



An extreme germophobe who roasts everything before eating. His true identity is that of the palm reader, Wally Flores.

CARL CAESAR (47)



Producer at Stuffed! TV. He laments that his show might be canceled because of the murder.

KEVIN HATTORI (26)



Announcer at Stuffed! TV. He deeply respected Fairplay, but....

SUMMARY

The popular "Gormand Battle" TV show held its final battle to decide the ultimate King of Gurgitation, but the program ended in murder!

The undefeated champion, Milo "Fairplay" Kent, finished off his triple extra large bowl of red hot chili noodles and won the contest. But the next moment found him writhing in agony as he breathed his last. Traces of potassium cyanide were found in his bowl, and the announcer Kevin Hattori was arrested for murder. Fearing that his show would be canceled because the murderer was a member of his crew, the producer, Carl Caesar, hired Phoenix Wright to defend him. Phoenix will be facing off against Prosecutor Winston Payne in court.

Hattori had no motive for killing Fairplay, but the court determined that the poison was intended for Risa Iko. Everyone who worked on the show was aware of this fact, and because Hattori and Risa fought like cats and dogs, they all suspected Hattori as soon as the murder took place. Knowing that his show would be canceled if Hattori was arrested, Producer Caesar covered up the fact Risa was the killer's real target, and tried to make it look like an indiscriminate murder.

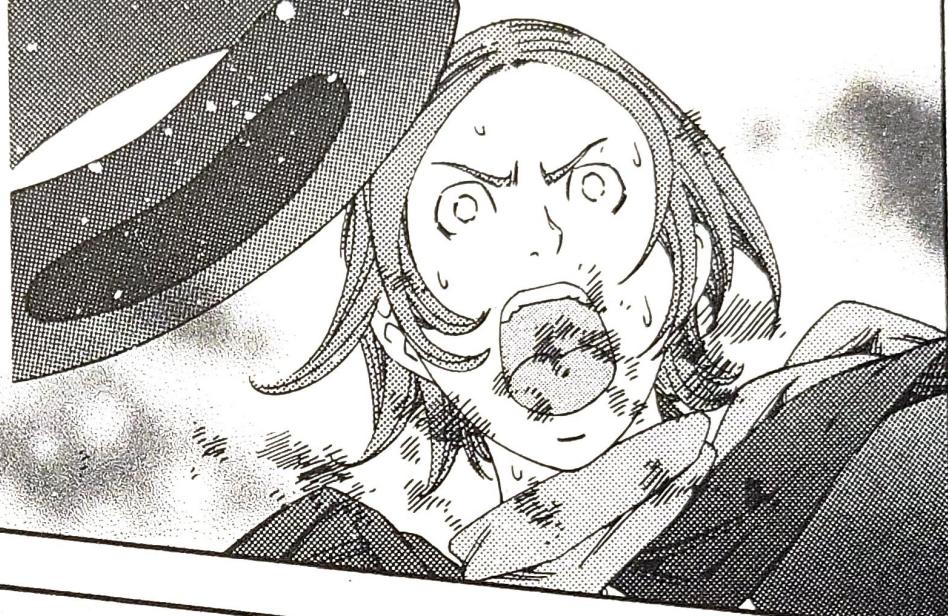
However, a threatening message was discovered, addressed to Risa Iko, and Caesar's attempts to hide the facts ended in failure. With overwhelming odds against his client, Phoenix begins to have his doubts about the entire Gormand Battle program. Are they keeping any more secrets? Do those secrets hold the key to revealing the true killer?



THE MIRACULOUS GORMAND FIGHTER, MILO "FAIRPLAY" KENT, IS POISONED ON LIVE TELEVISION!!

ALL DUN-DUN-DONE!

THE SUSPECTED KILLER IS THE STUFFED! TV ANNOUNCER, KEVIN MATORI!!

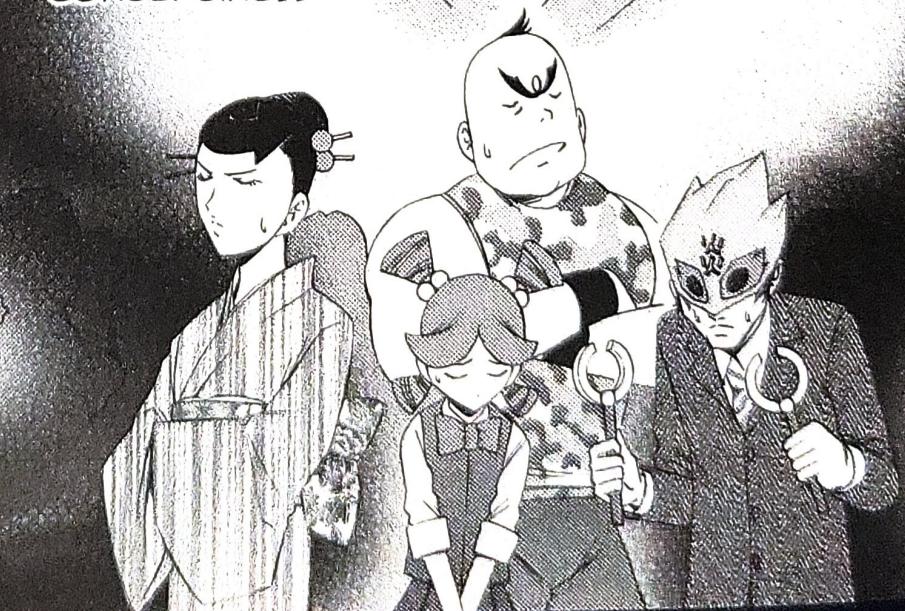


WHAT IS THE SHOW REALLY PLOTTING!?

HE DID IT OUT OF FEAR OF THE SHOW'S CANCELLATION, BUT ARE THERE MORE FACTS THAT THE ENTIRE SHOW, INCLUDING ITS CAST AND CREW, ARE CONCEALING!?

BUT THE SHOW'S PRODUCER WAS HIDING SOME OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT!!

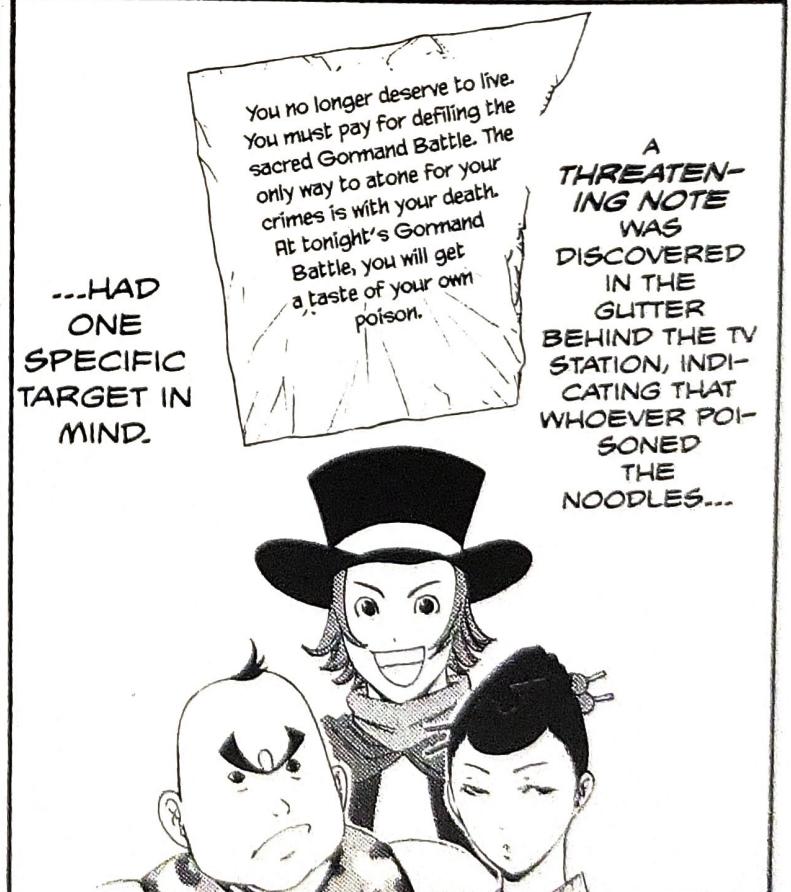
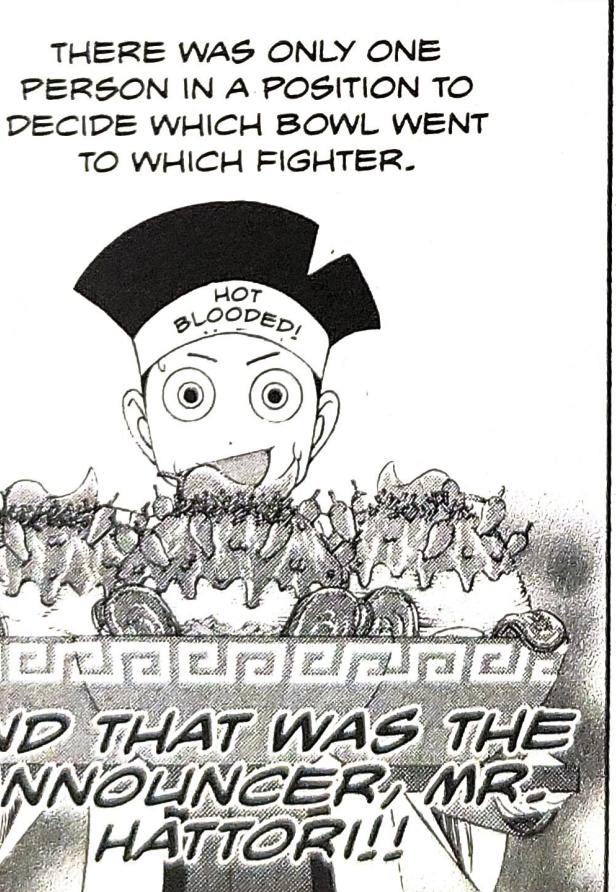
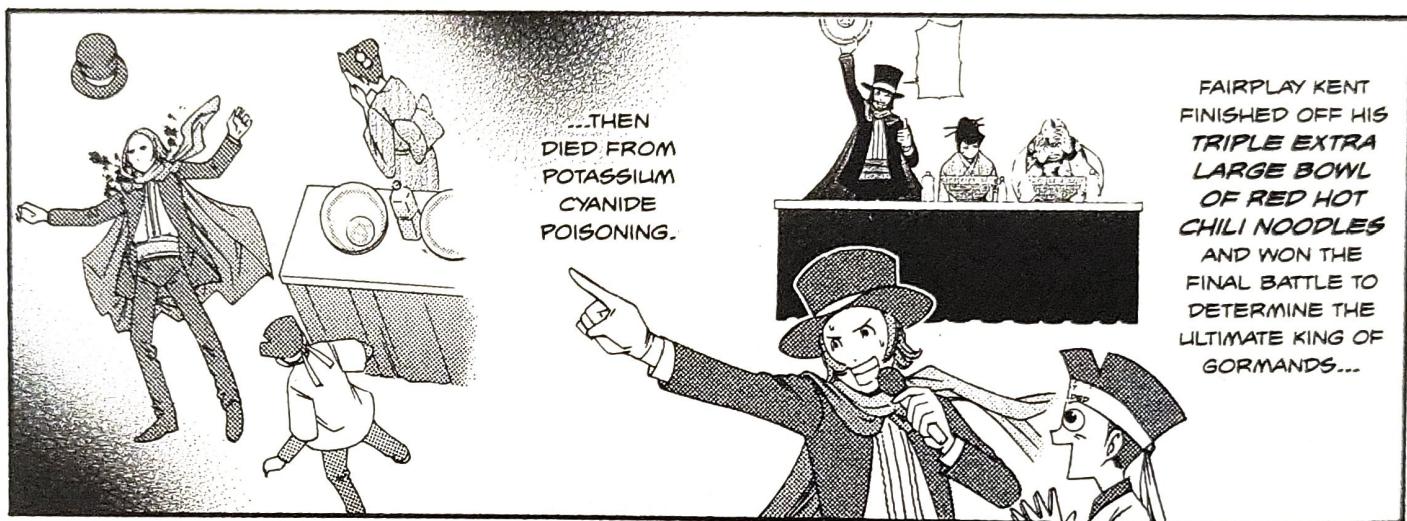
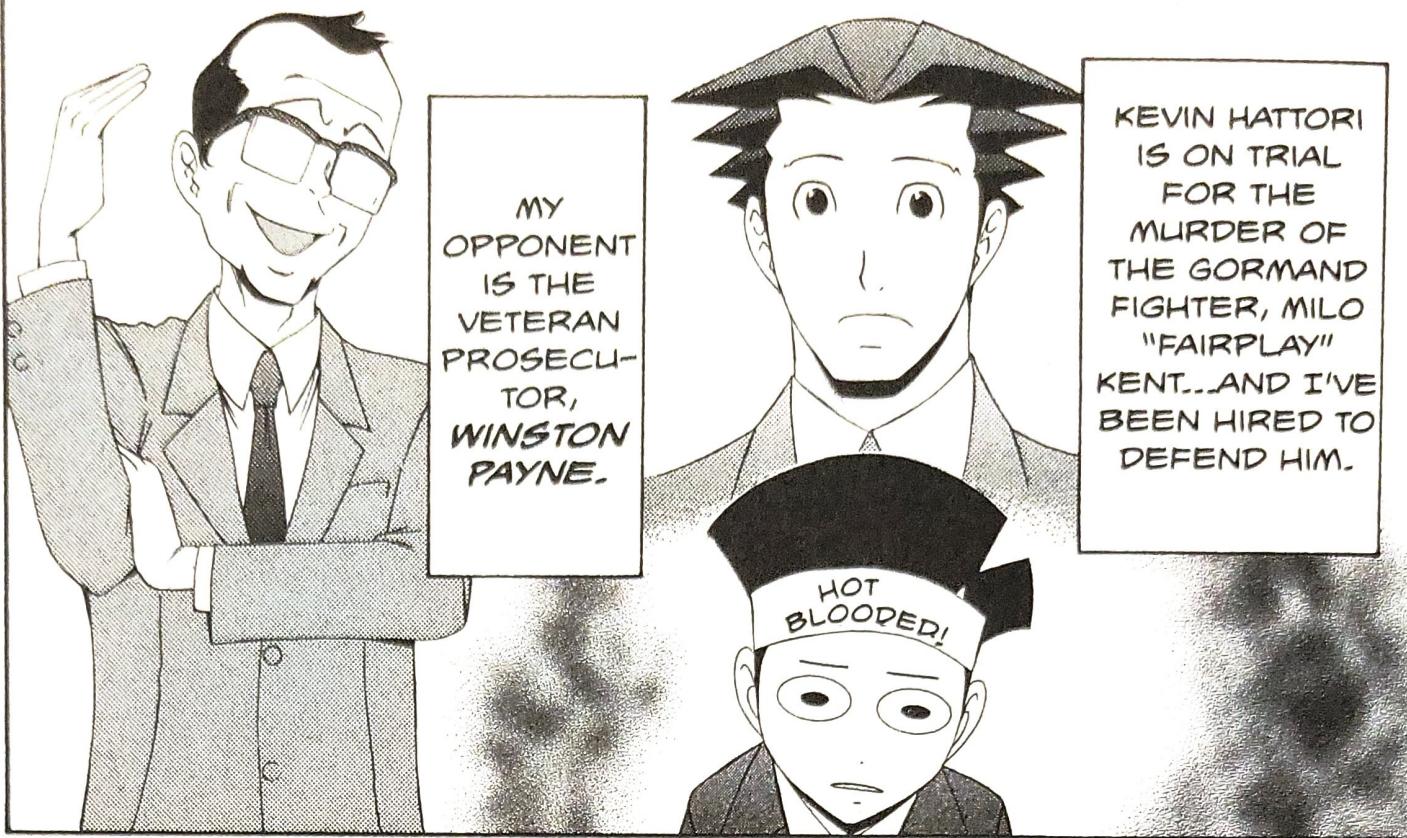
AND WHO IS THE REAL KILLER!!?



CHAPTER 13

TURNABOUT GURGITATION (PART TWO)

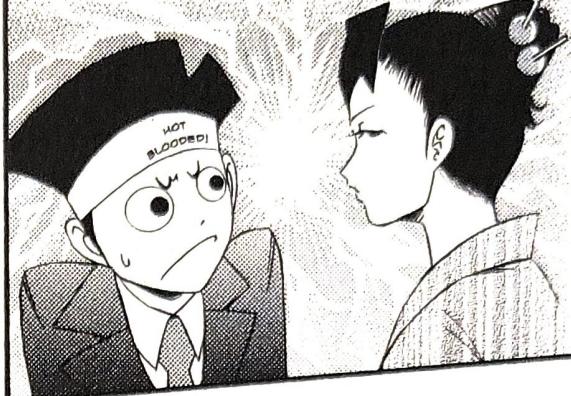




FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, RIGHT BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE, FAIRPLAY KENT SWITCHED HIS BOWL WITH RISA IKO'S!!

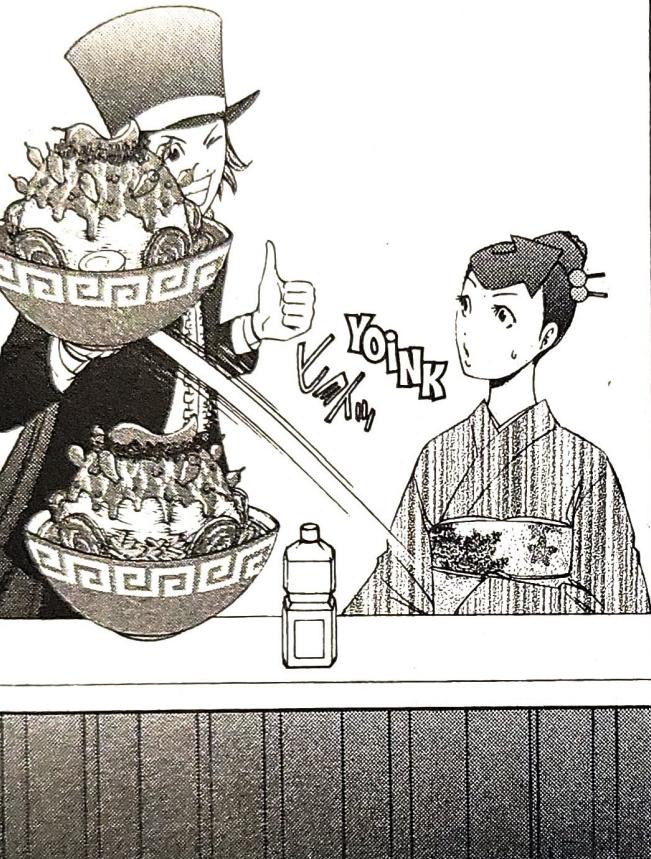
BUT MR. HATTORI DID HAVE ILL FEELINGS FOR ONE OF FAIRPLAY KENT'S OPPONENTS IN THE FINAL BATTLE--RISA IKO!

HOWEVER, HE RESPECTED FAIRPLAY KENT, AND HAD NO MOTIVE TO MURDER HIM.



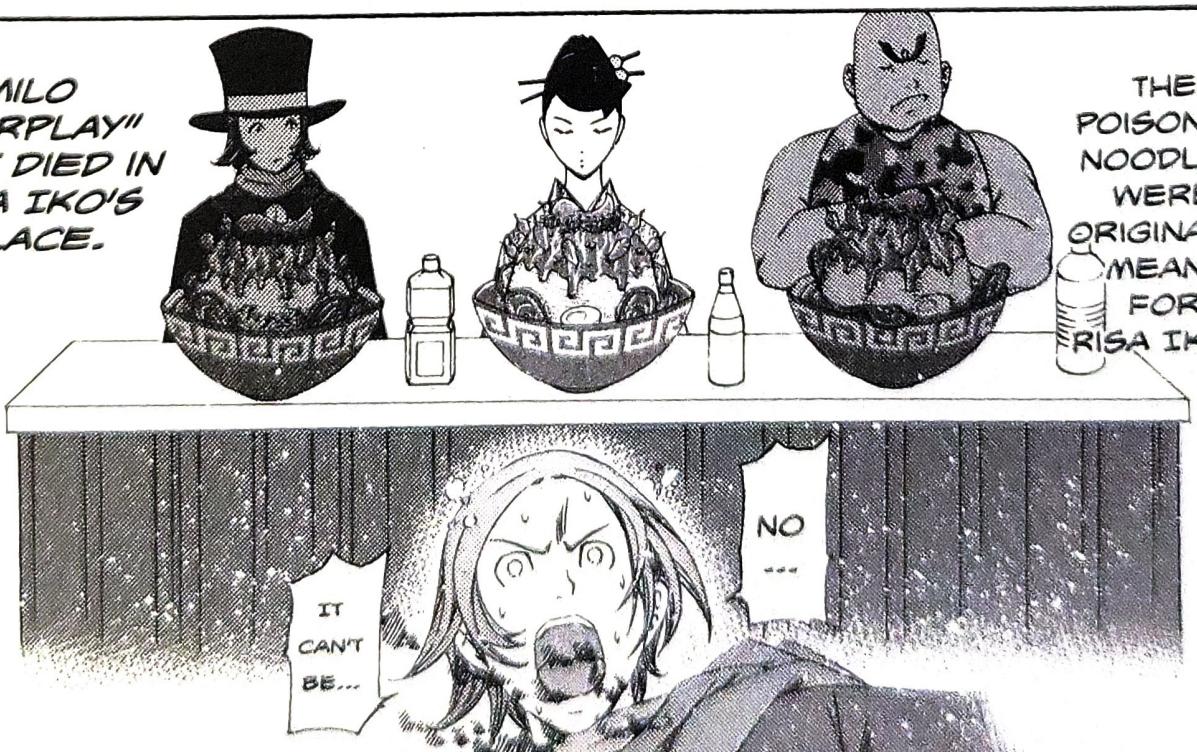
RISA IKO'S TESTIMONY PROVED THAT THE THREATENING NOTE WAS NOT INTENDED FOR FAIRPLAY KENT, BUT FOR HER.

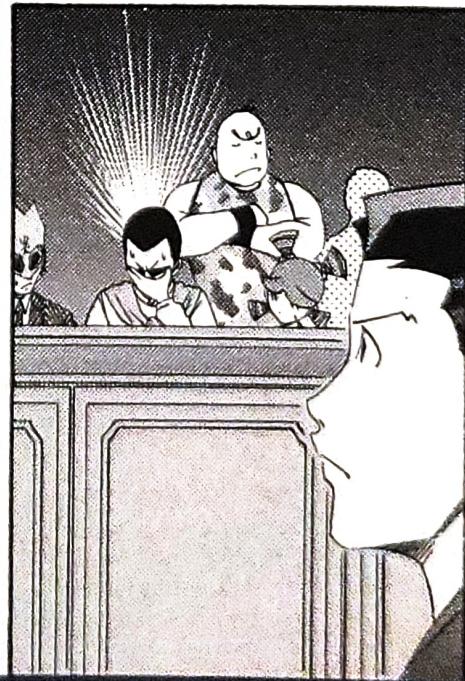
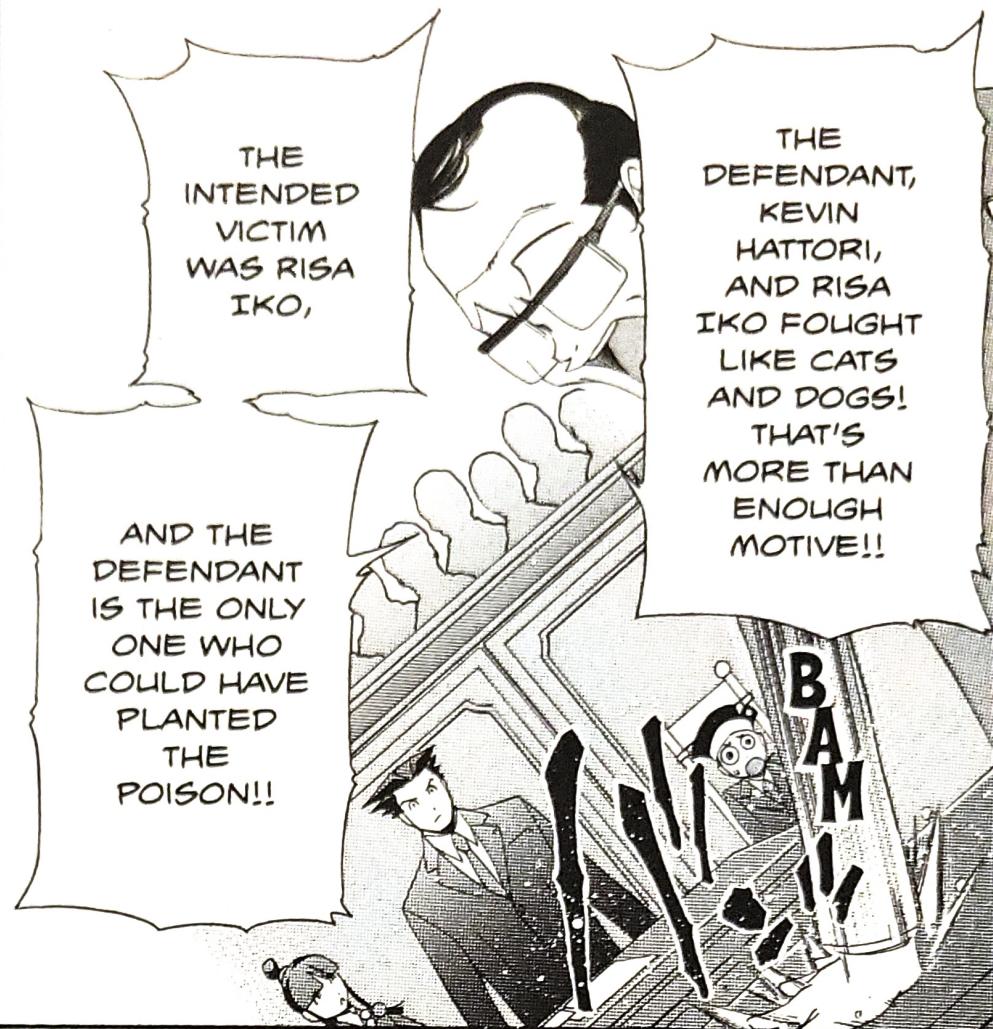
FURTHERMORE...



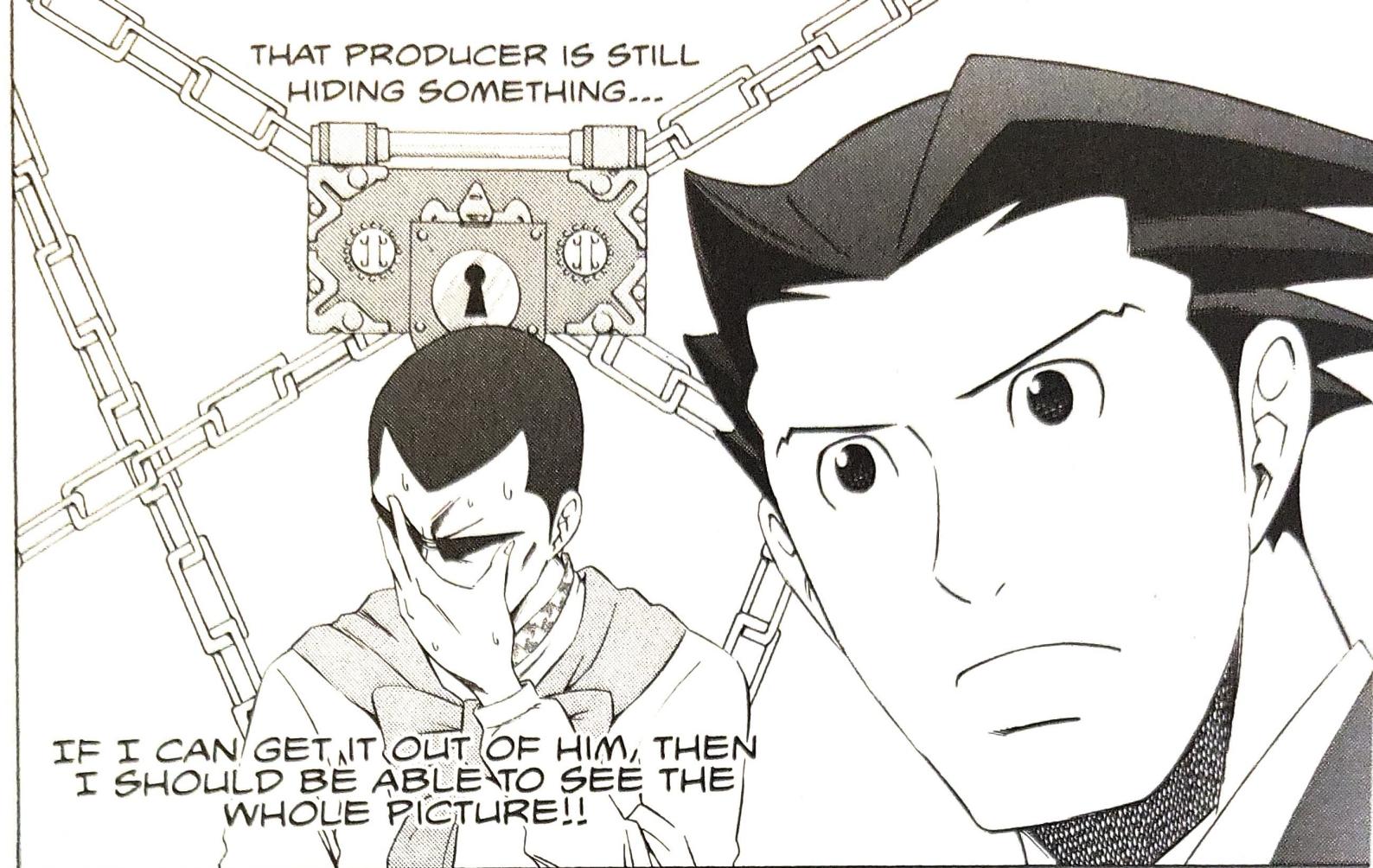
MILO "FAIRPLAY" KENT DIED IN RISA IKO'S PLACE.

THE POISONED NOODLES WERE ORIGINALLY MEANT FOR RISA IKO!!





THAT PRODUCER IS STILL HIDING SOMETHING...



IF I CAN GET IT OUT OF HIM, THEN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE!!

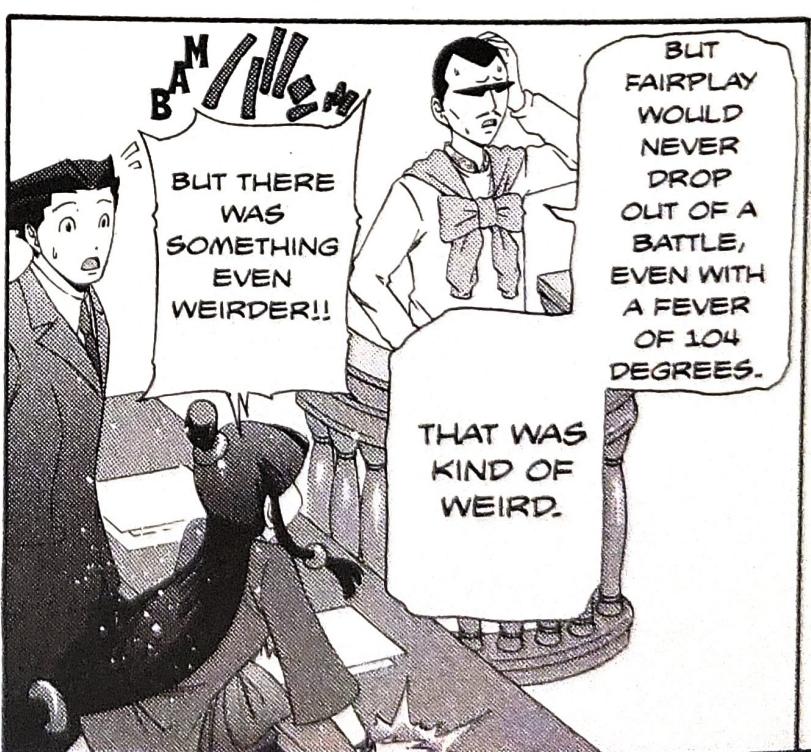
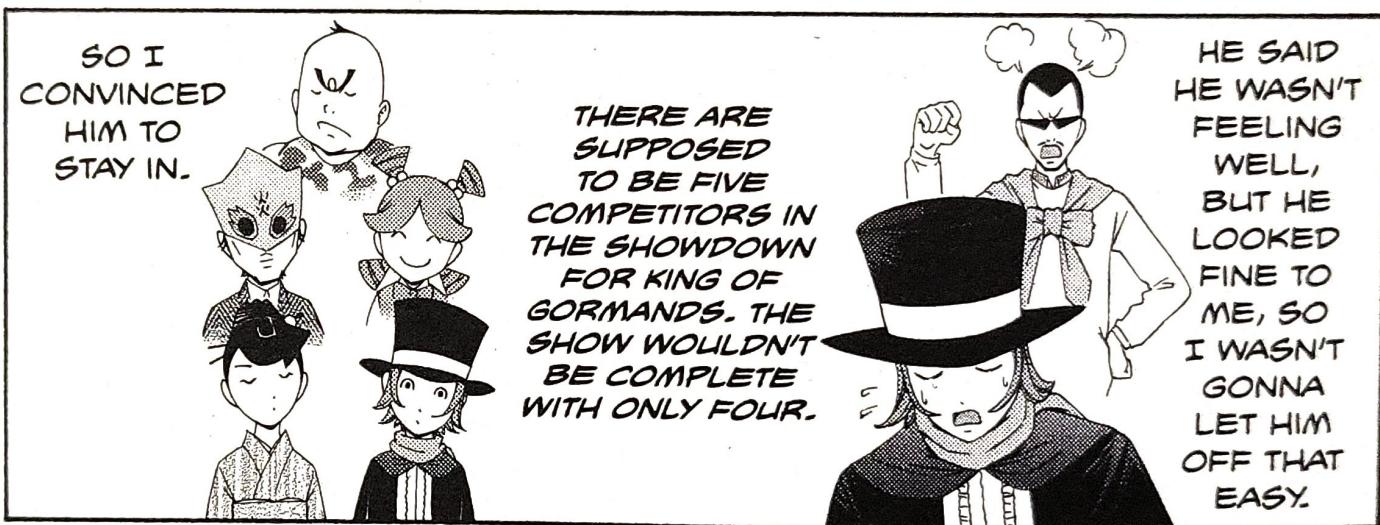
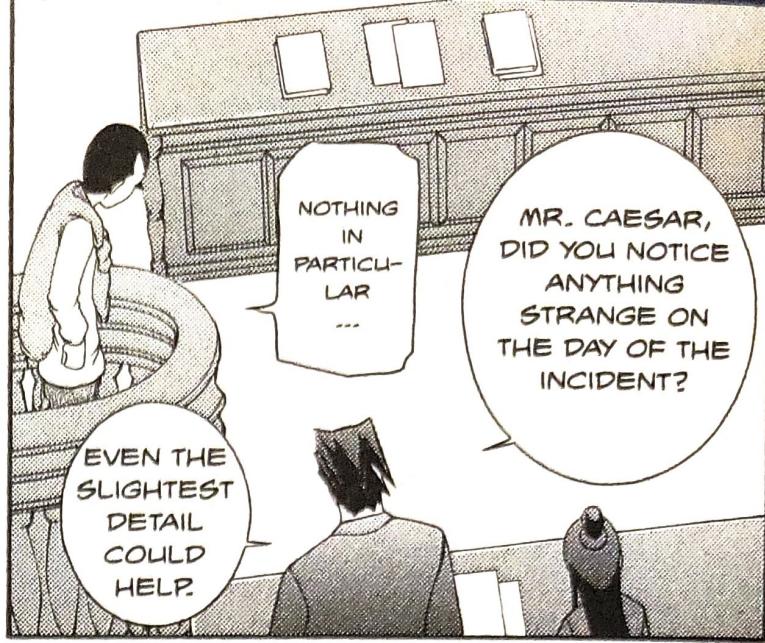
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COURTROOM NO.3: CARL CAESAR'S TESTIMONY

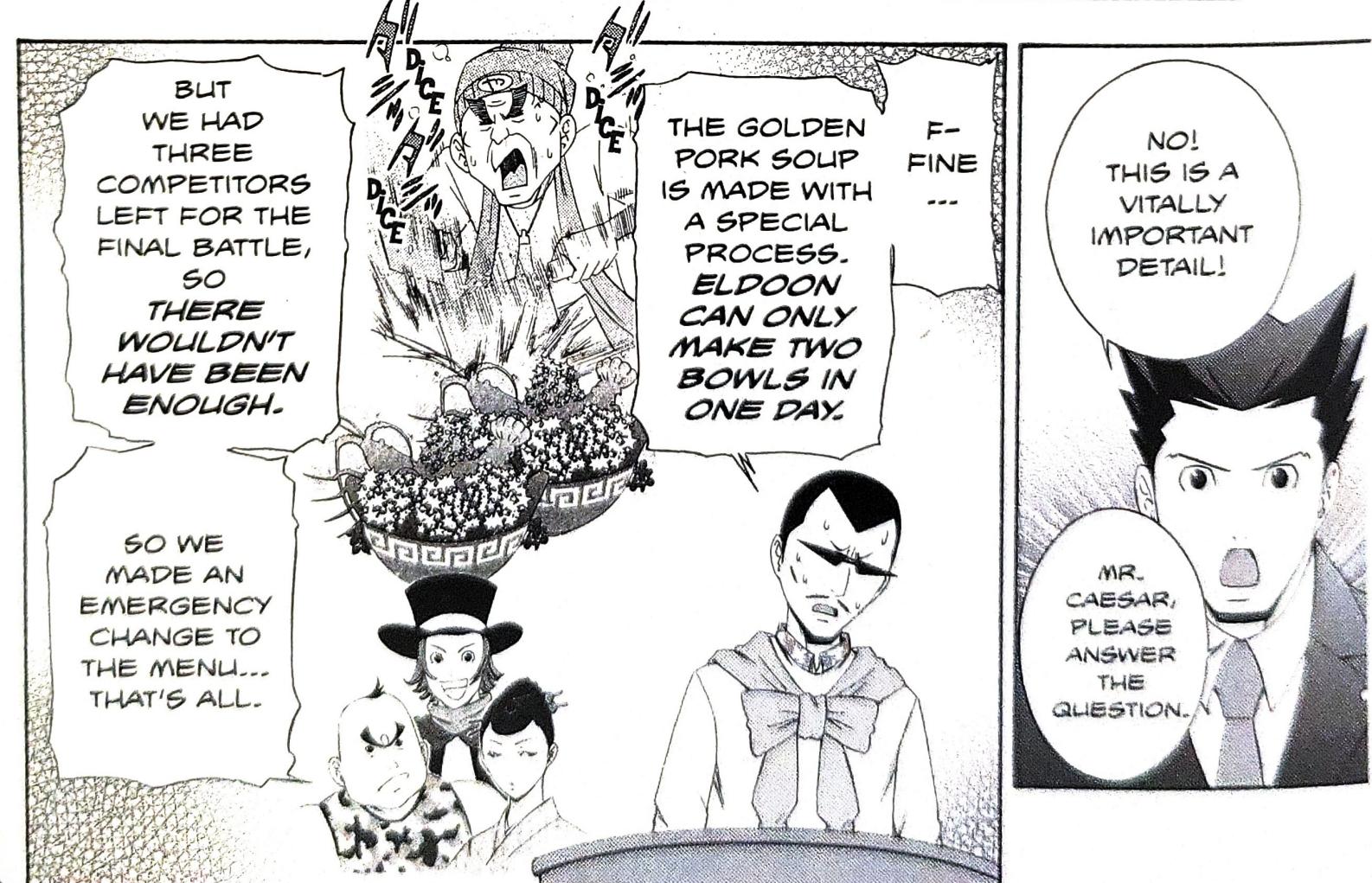
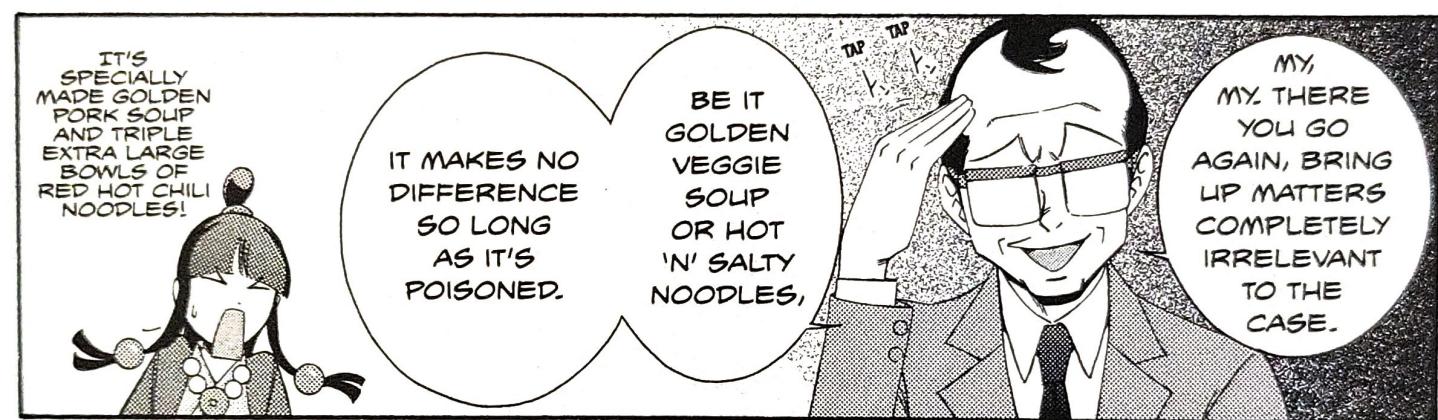
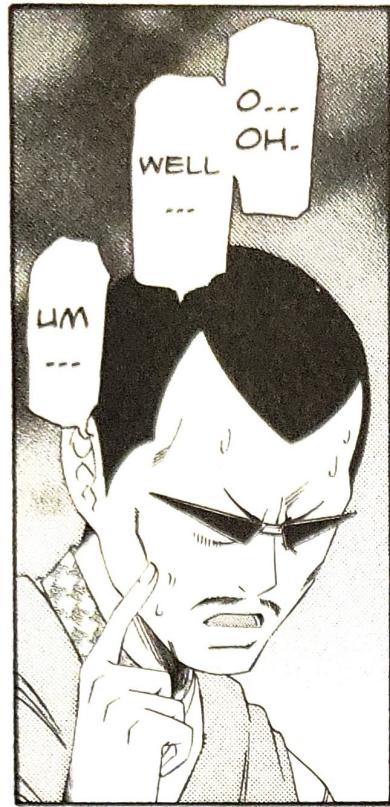
NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE MURDERER WAS AFTER RISA IKO, KEVIN IS AS GOOD AS GUILTY.

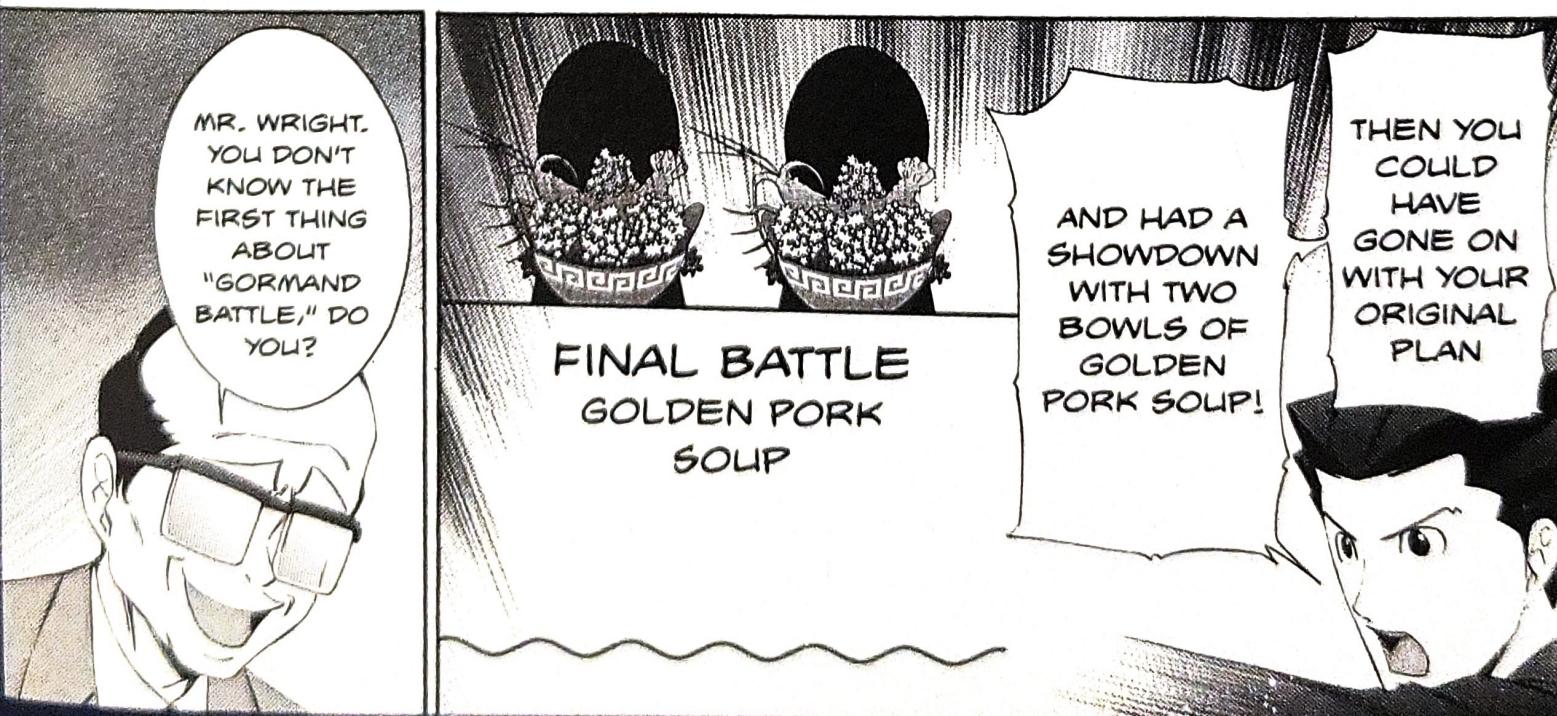
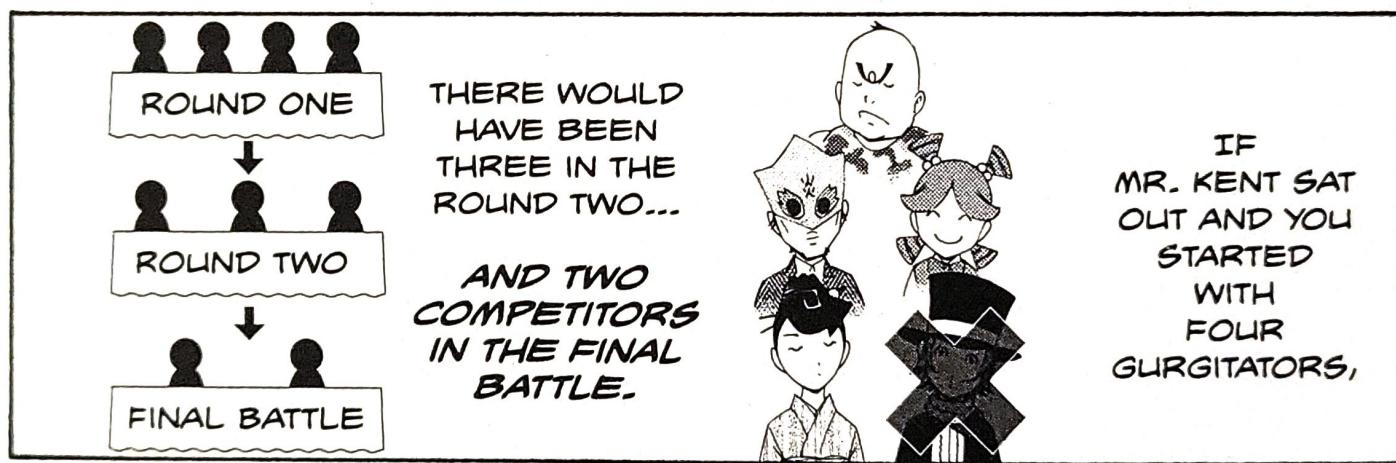
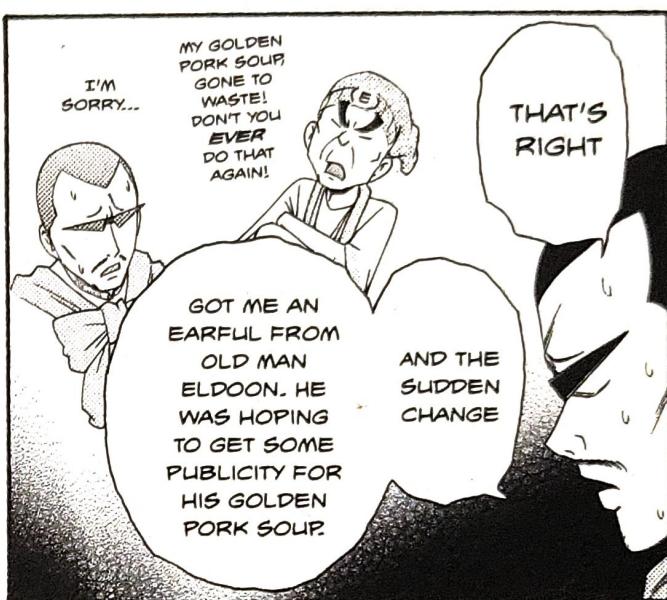
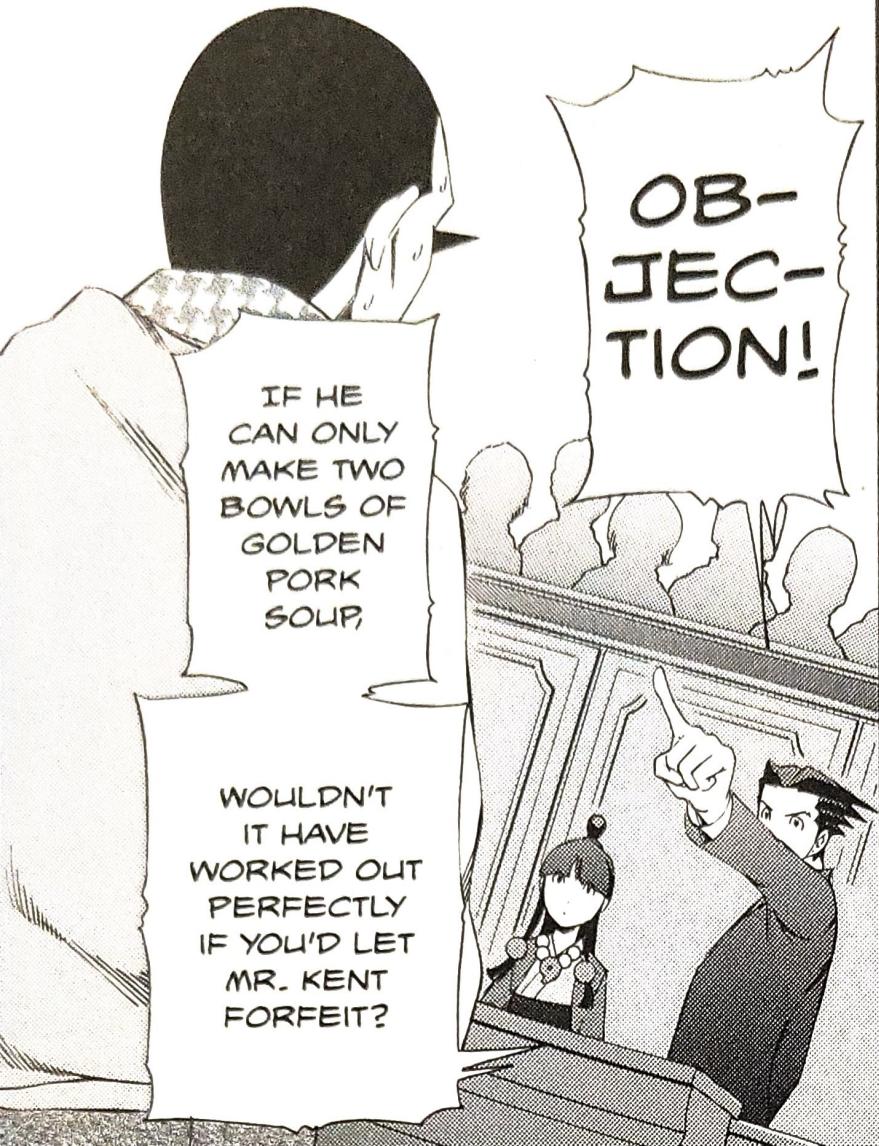
THE SHOW WILL BE CANCELED, AND THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME...

SIGH

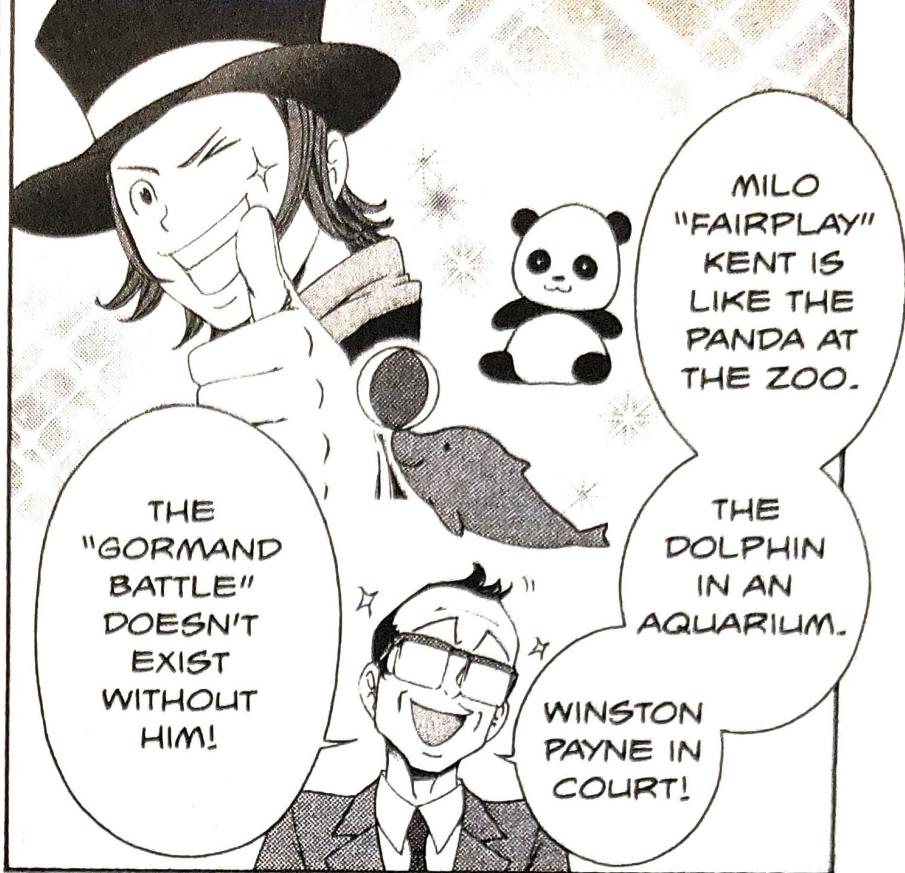
I'M CARL CAESAR, PRODUCER OF THE TV SHOW, "GORMAND BATTLE"...







WHEN THE
VIEWERS
LEARNED
THAT HE
WOULDN'T
BE IN THE
BATTLE,
THE
RATINGS
WOULD
PLUMMET.



IT'S RIGHT
THERE IN HIS
TESTIMONY.

...THERE ARE
SUPPOSED TO BE
FIVE COMPETITORS
IN THE SHOWDOWN
FOR KING OF
GORMANDS. THE
SHOW WOULDN'T
BE COMPLETE
WITH ONLY
FOUR.

I
UNDERSTAND
THAT, BUT
MR. CAESAR
JUST SAID...

THEN WHY
WOULD
YOU EVEN
BOTHER
ORDERING
THE GOLDEN
PORK SOUP
WHEN
THERE
COULD ONLY
BE TWO
PORTIONS?

ROUND ONE:
SUPER-MILD CURRY RICE

THE
SECOND
ROUND
HAS
FOUR.

THE FIRST
ROUND
HAS FIVE
COMPET-
TORS.

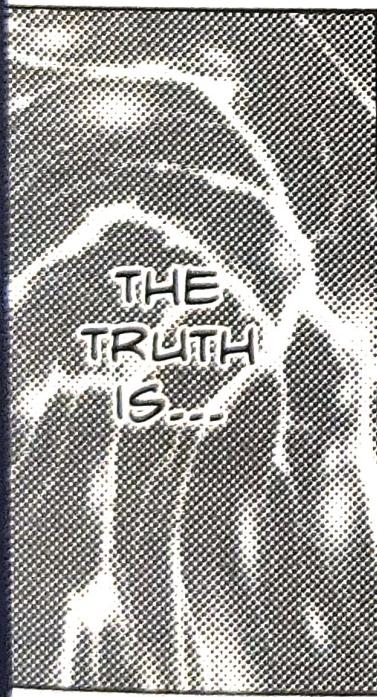
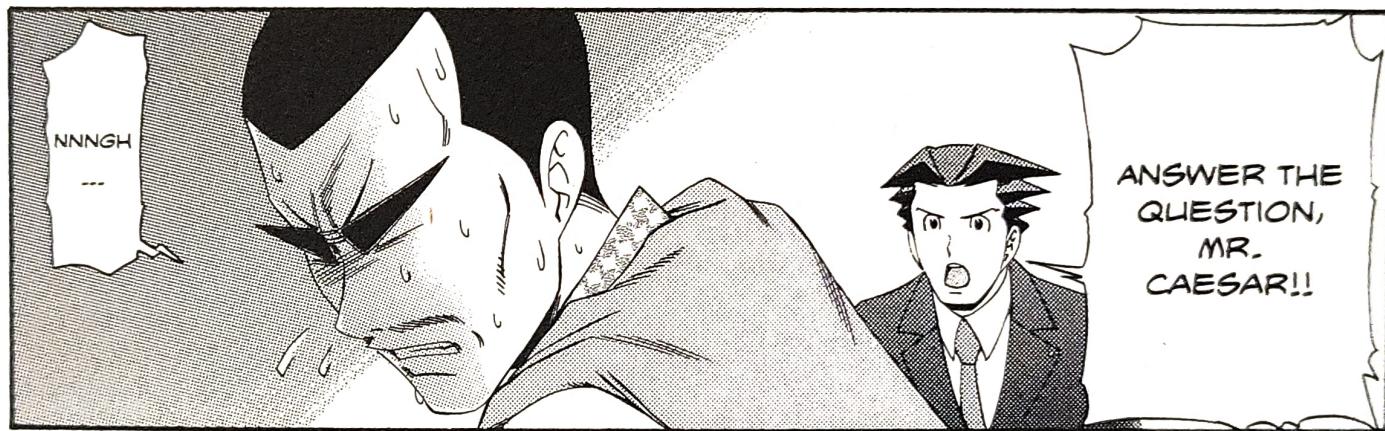
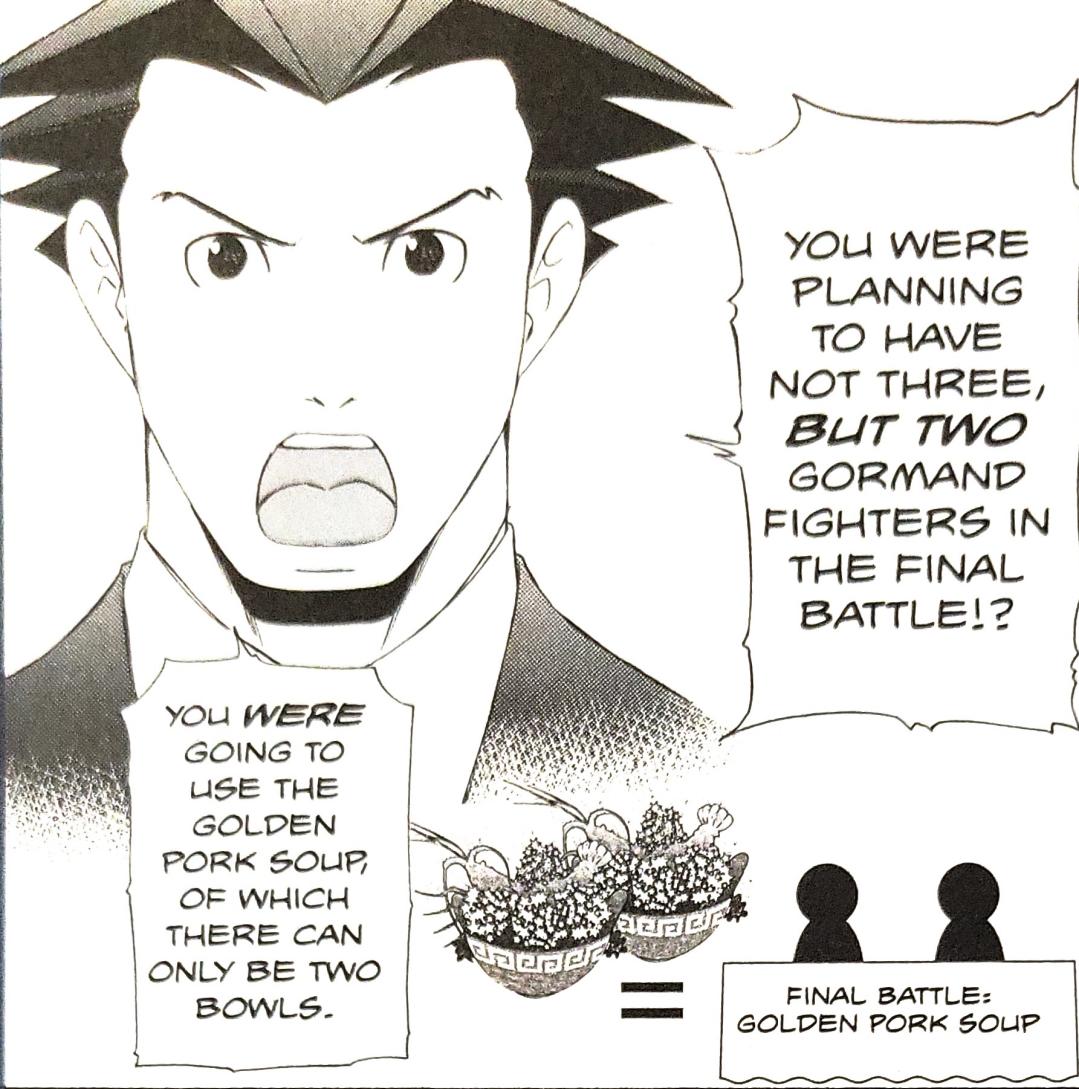
ROUND TWO:
OCTOPUS-SHAPED OCTOPUS
DUMPLINGS

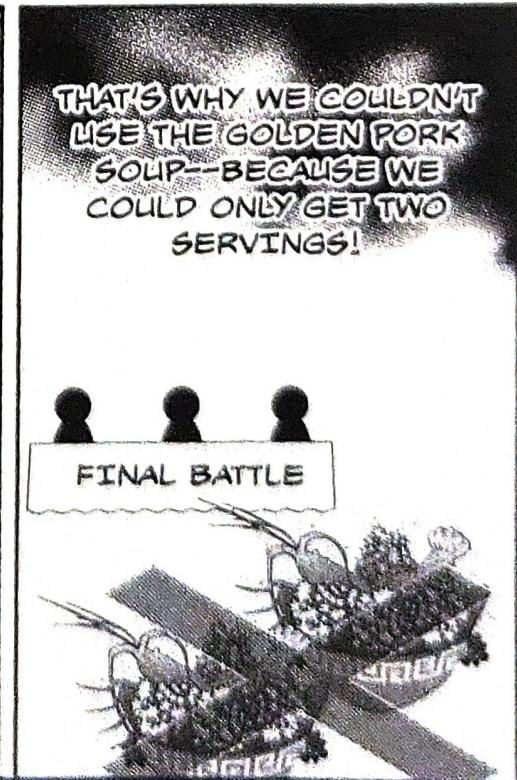
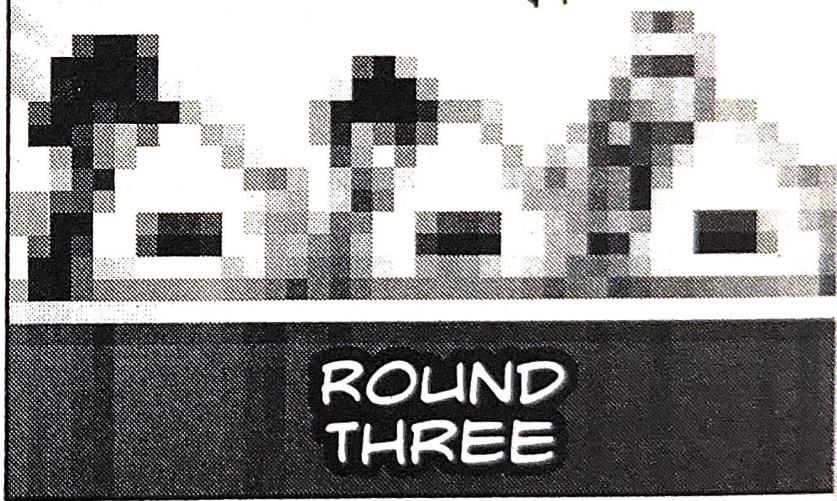
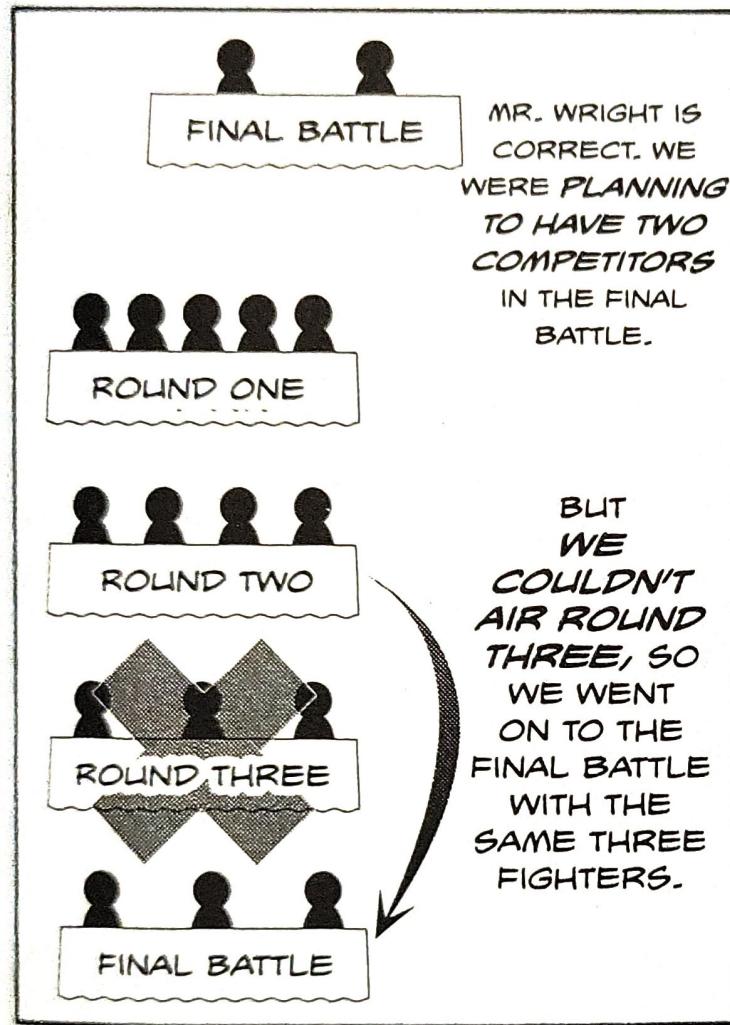
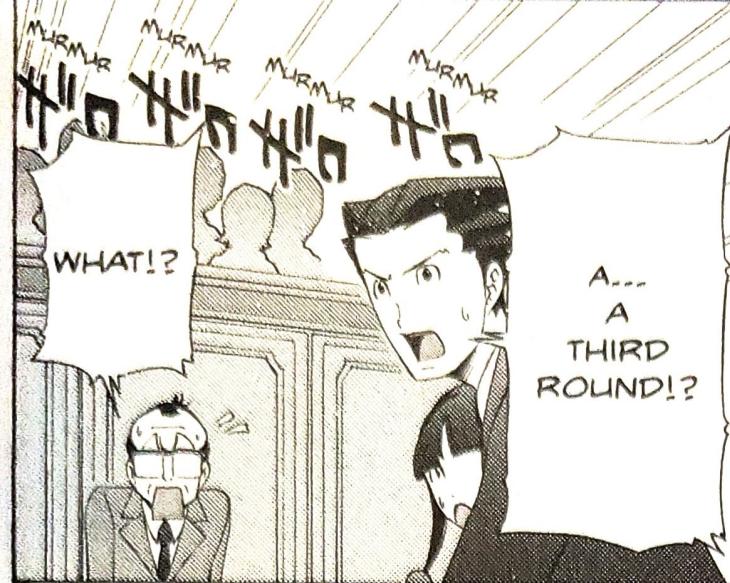
AND THE
FINAL
BATTLE HAS
THREE.
THAT'S HOW
IT'S ALWAYS
WORKED,
RIGHT?

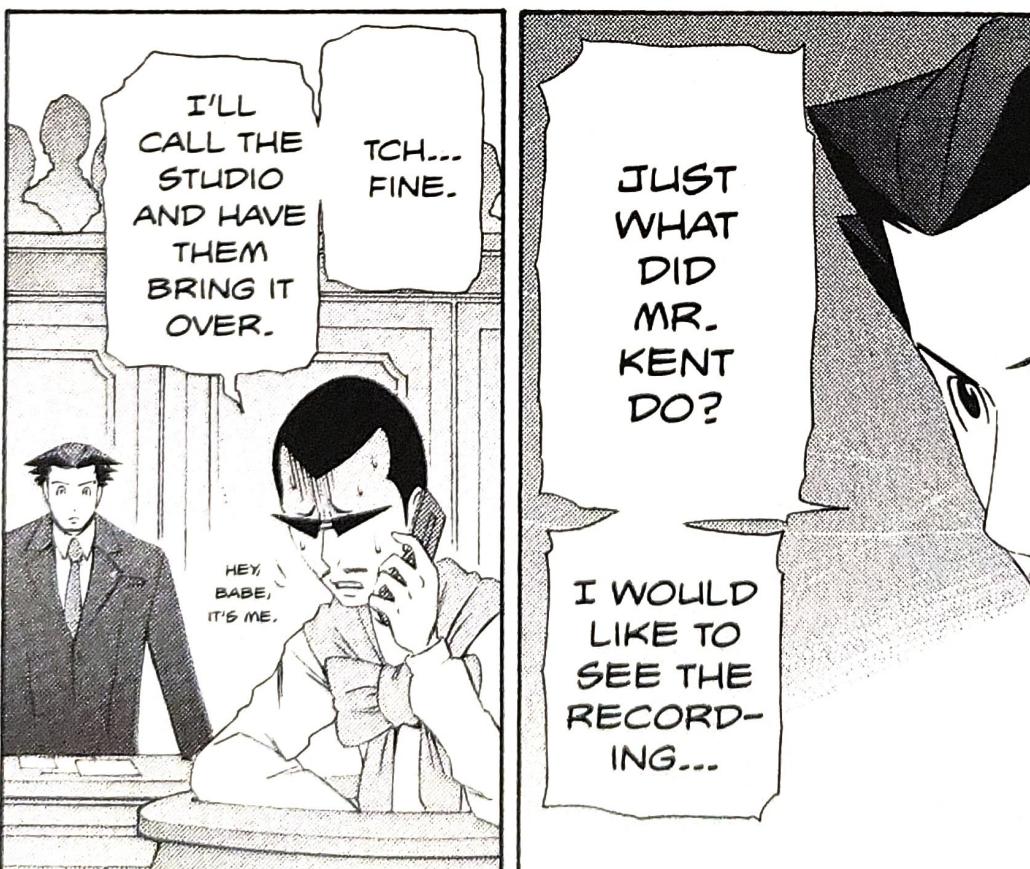
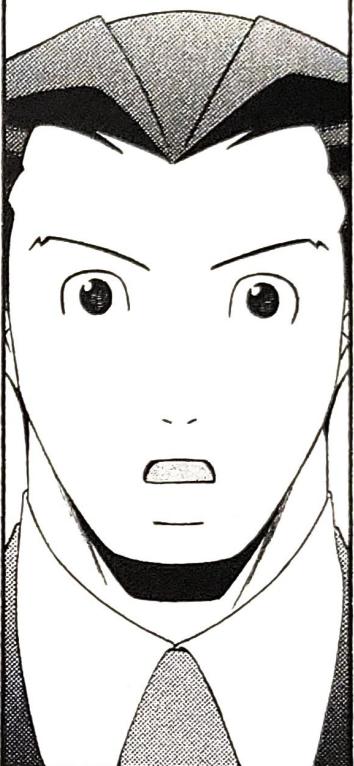
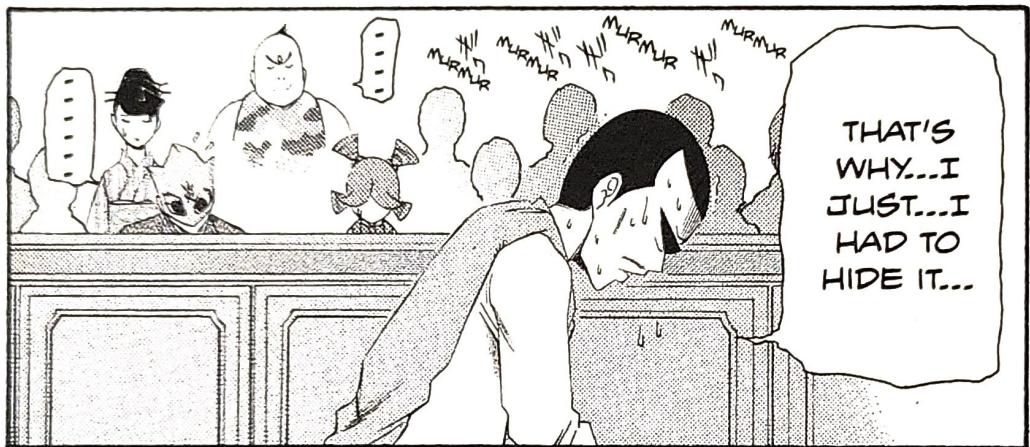
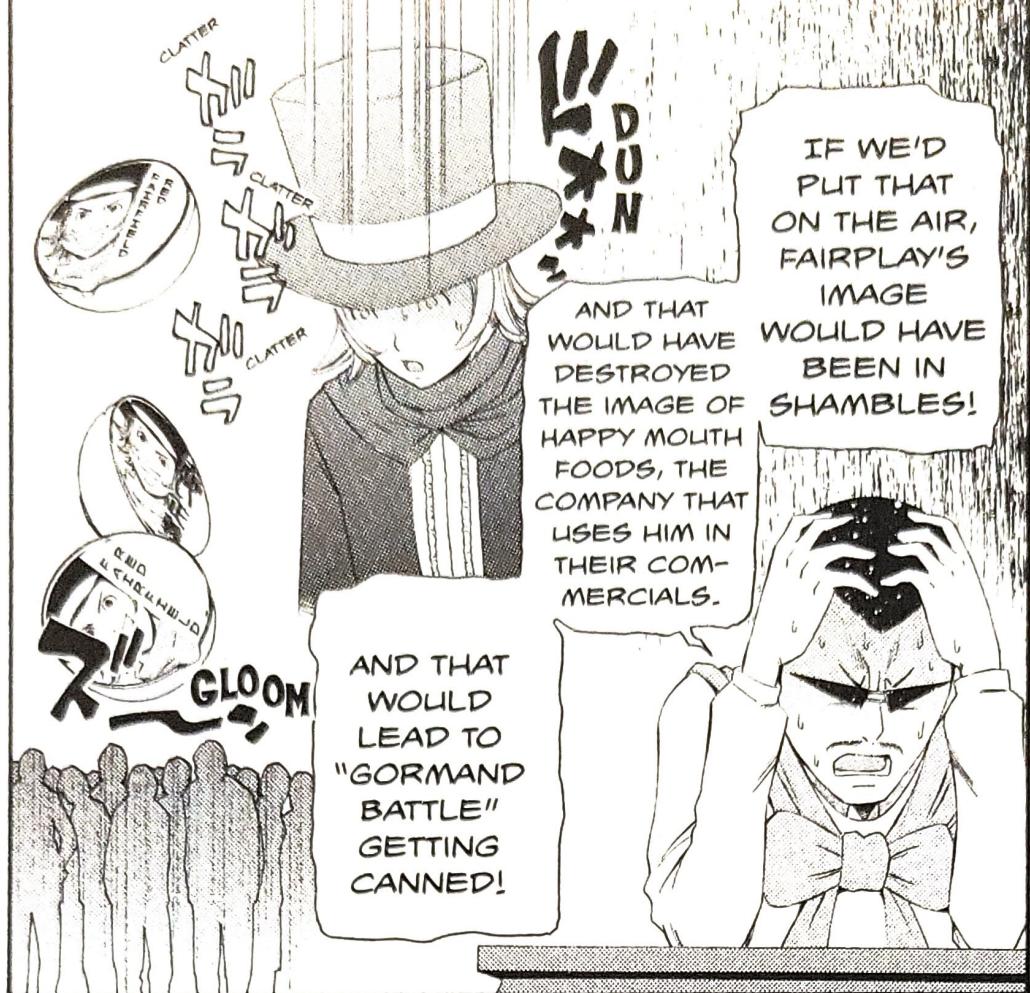
FINAL BATTLE:
GOLDEN PORK SOUP

THERE'RE
ONLY TWO
BOWLS!

HUH?

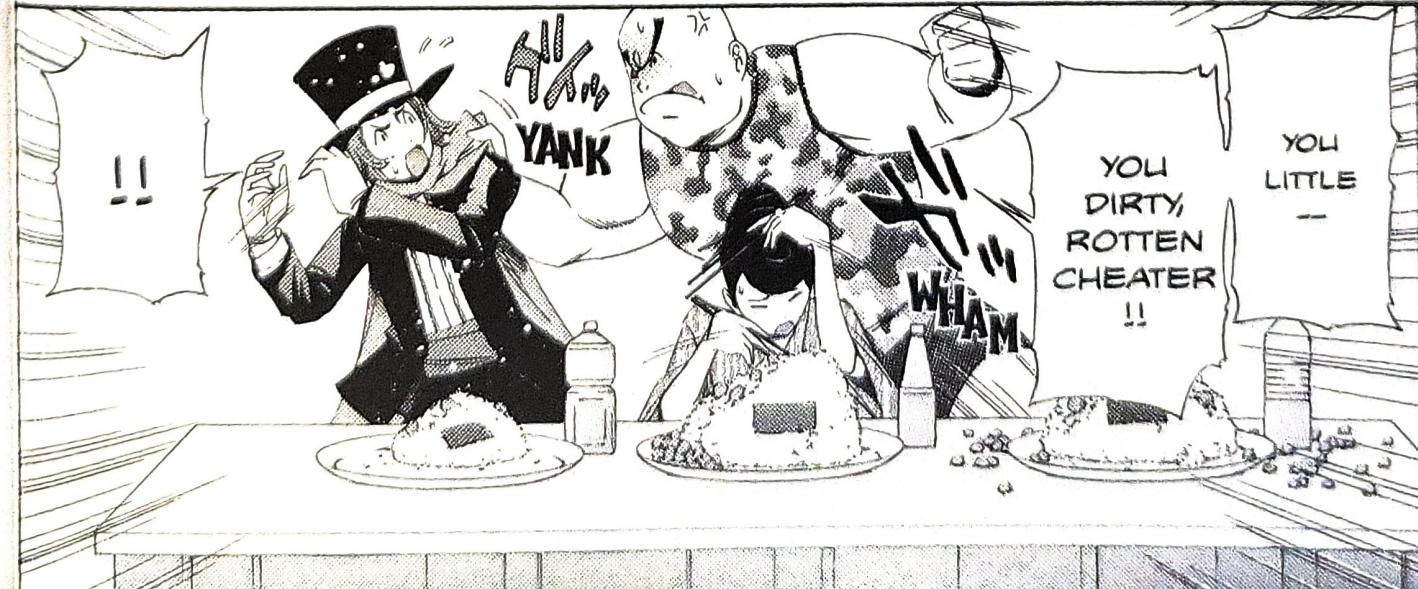
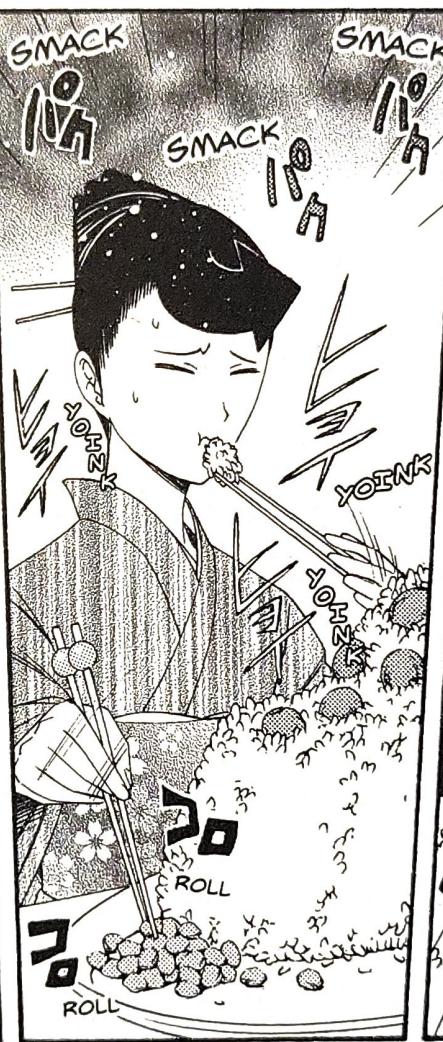


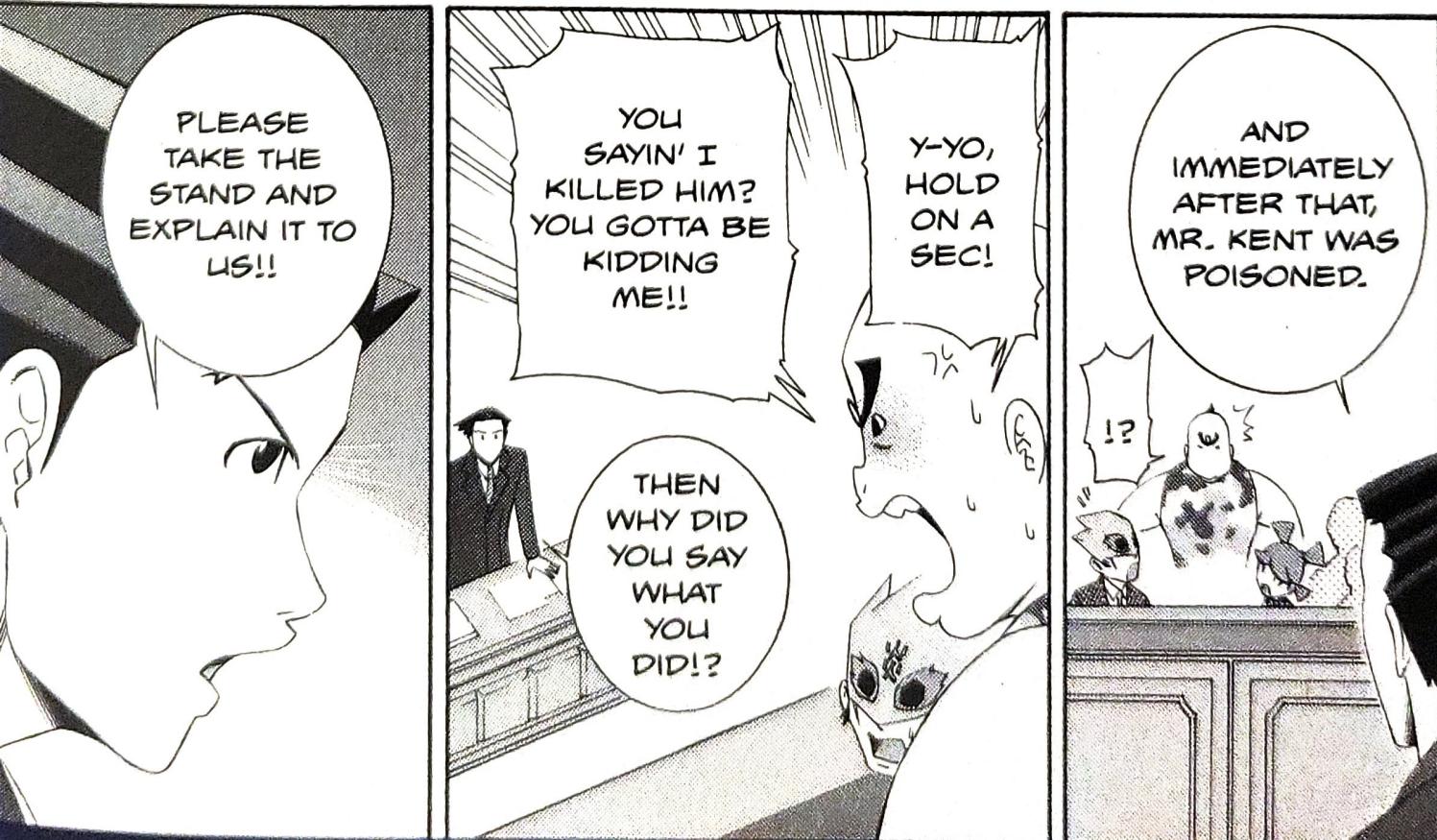
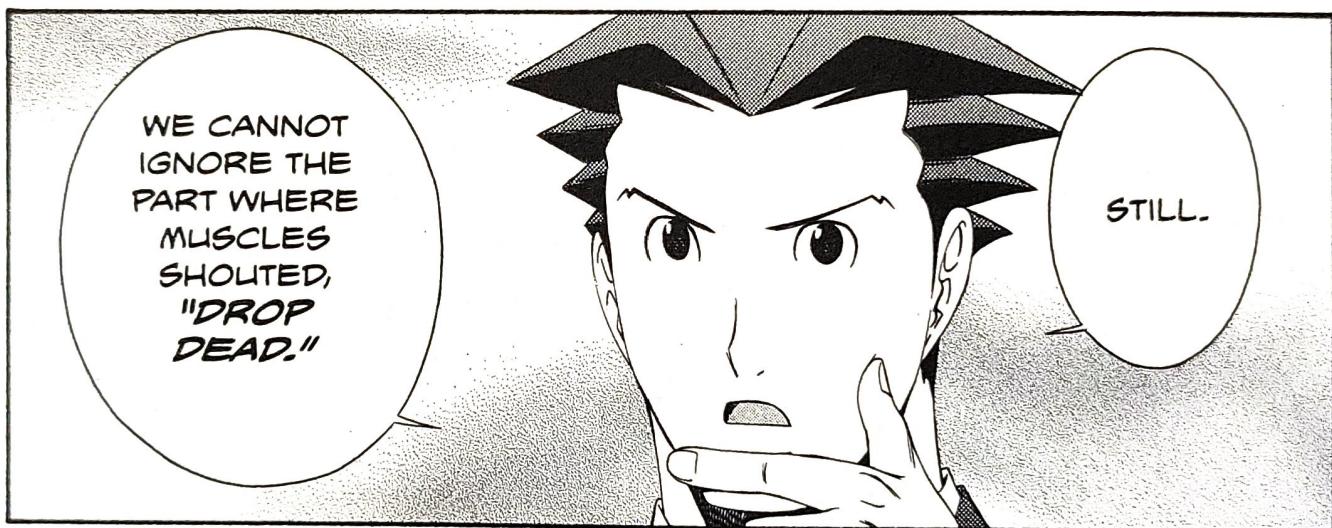




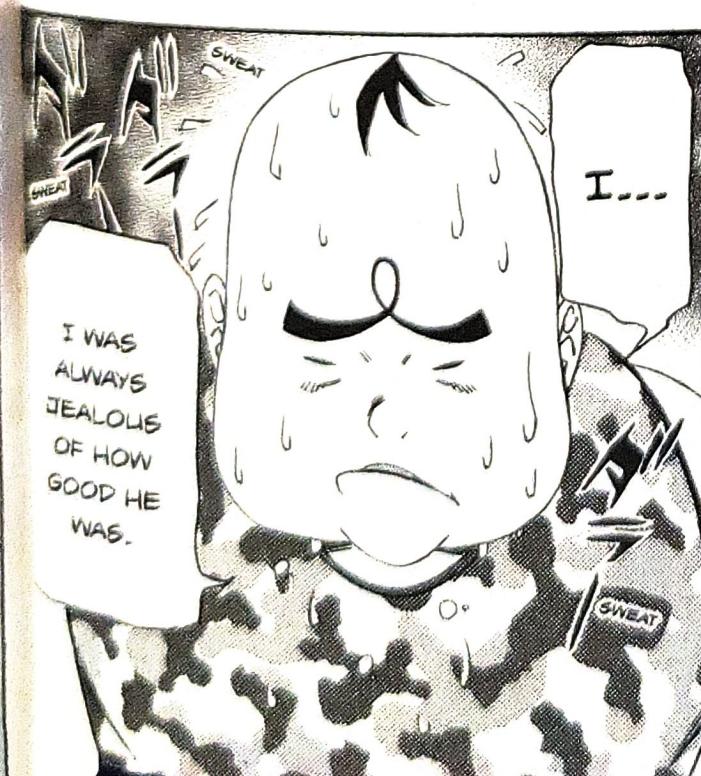
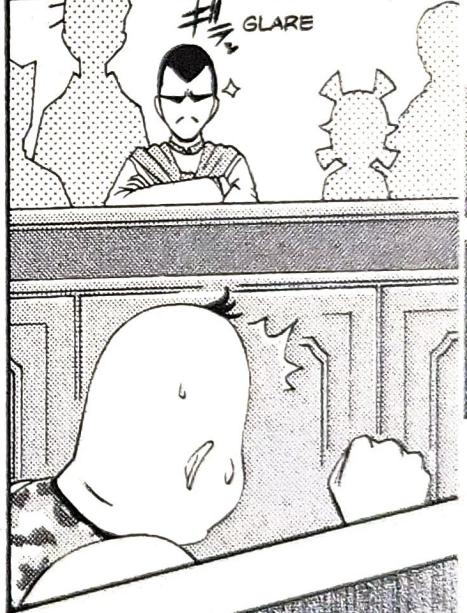
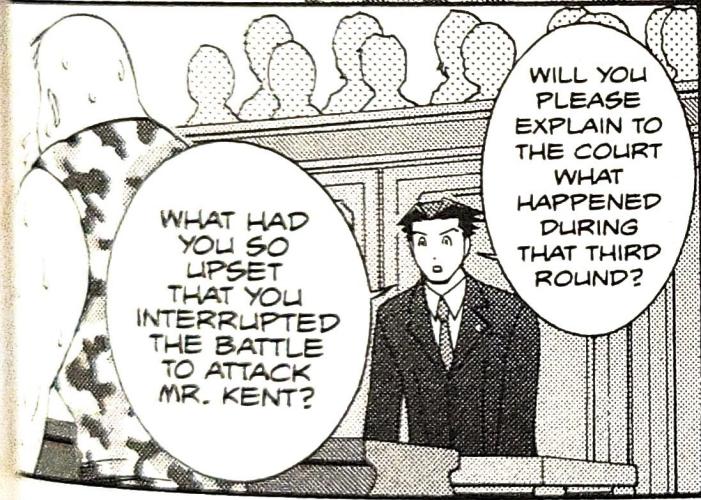
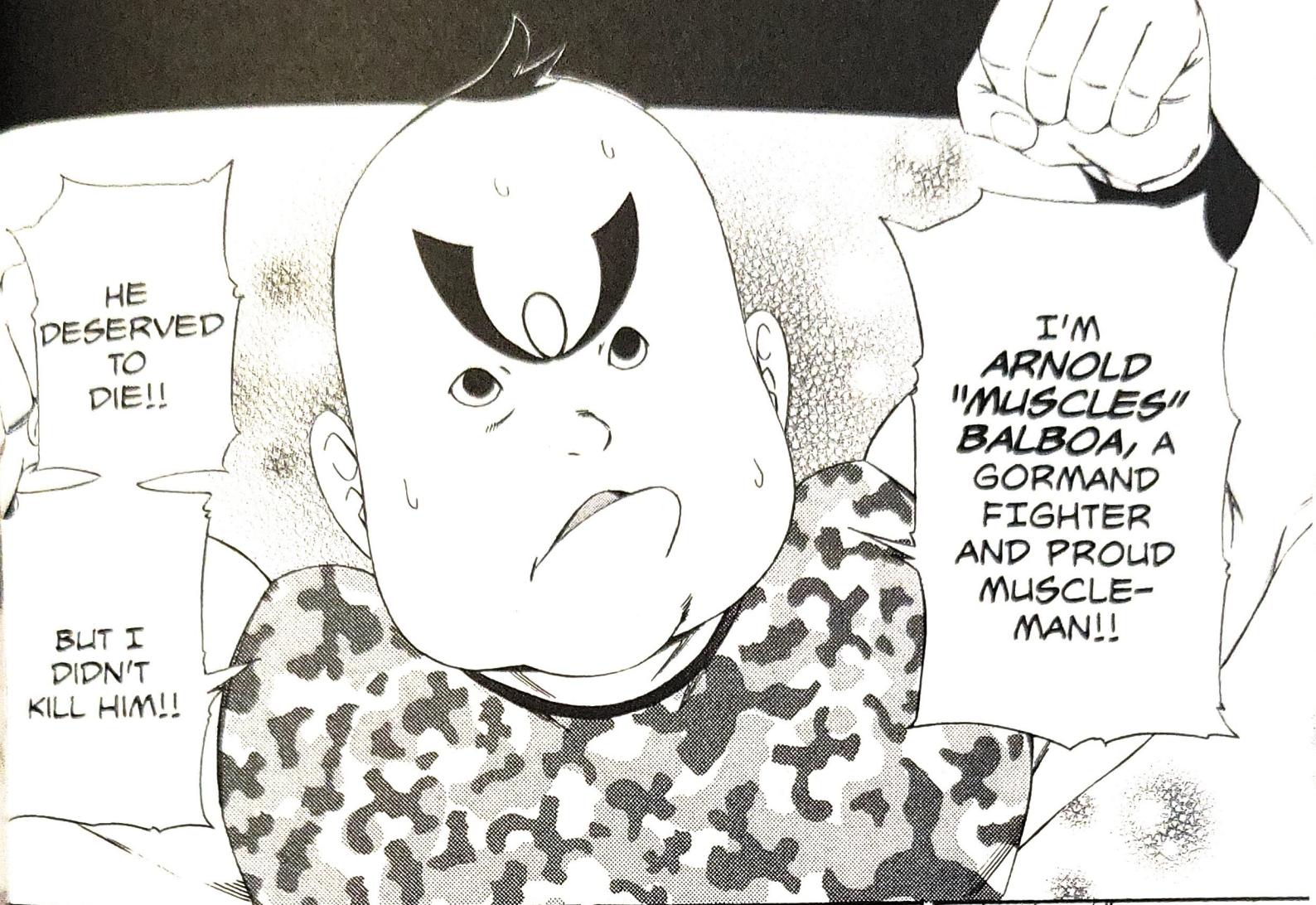
EACH ENORMOUS RICE BALL HAS 100 SUPER-SOUR DRIED APRICOTS HIDDEN INSIDE! THE FIRST TO CLEAR THEIR PLATE WILL GO ON TO THE FINAL BATTLE!!

FOR ROUND THREE, WE HAVE A SHOWDOWN OVER A MOUNTAIN OF RICE!!



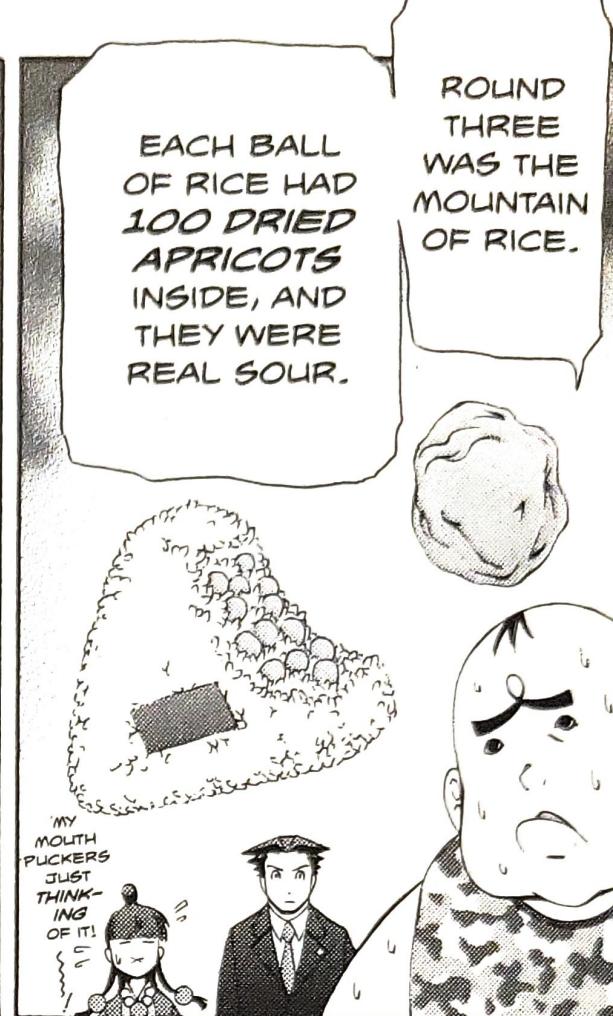
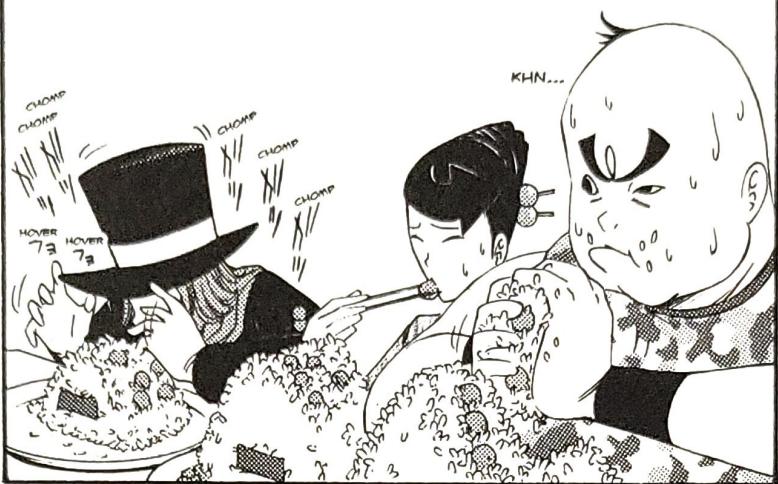


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COURTROOM NO.3:
ARNOLD "MUSCLES" BALBOA'S TESTIMONY



UNLUCKY FOR ME, I
HATE DRIED APRICOTS.
IT WAS A TOUGH
ROUND.

SO WHEN I SAW
FAIRPLAY PLOWING
THROUGH THAT RICE, I
JUST GOT SO MAD!



I DON'T SEE
ANYTHING
IN YOUR
TESTIMONY
THAT WOULD
LEAD TO
SUCH AN
ACCUSATION.



BUT
YOU CALLED
HIM
A
CHEATER.

IT
DIDN'T
MEAN
NOTHING. I
WAS JUST
JEALOUS!
IT WAS ALL
MY
FAULT!

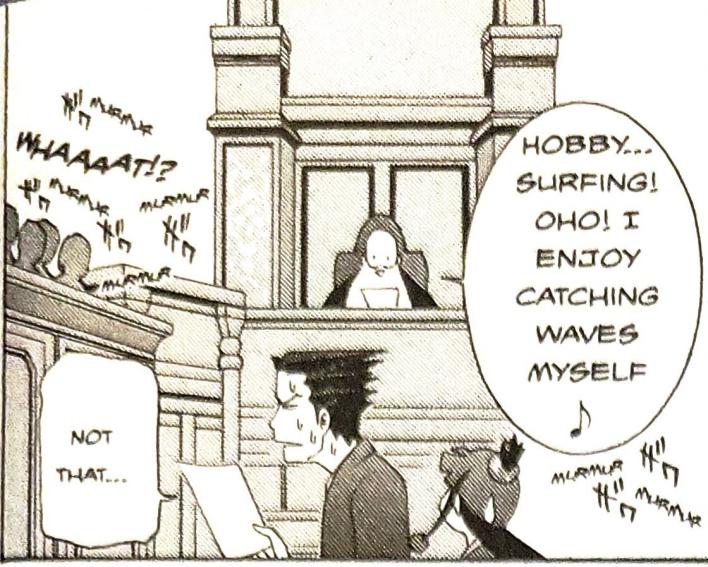
HE...
HE
NEVER
LOST
ONCE.

EH
HEH
HEH
I THOUGHT
HE MUSTA
BEEN
PLAYIN' US
ALL FOR
SAPS.

GLARE

WELL

I



Special Skill: Gurgitation

Likes: Dogs, hamburgers

Dislikes: Dried apricots,
ghosts

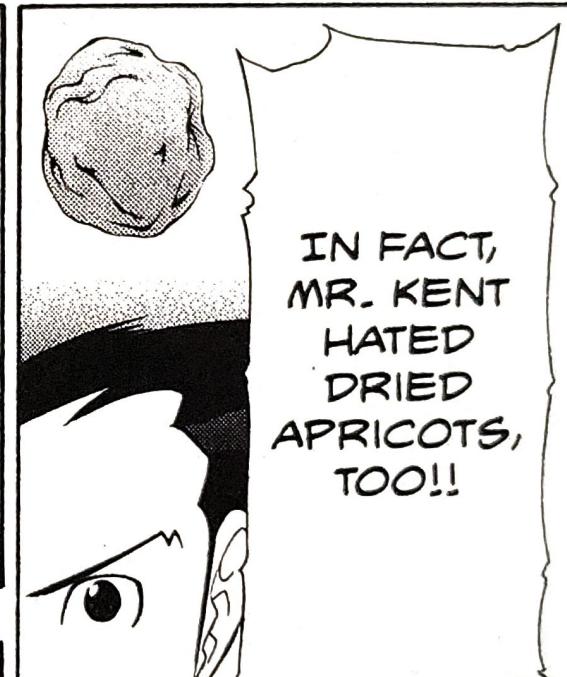
I WANT TO
DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION
RIGHT
HERE!!



AND YET
HERE
HE IS IN
ROUND
THREE,
EATING
AWAY!

WHAT
COULD IT
MEAN!?

THERE WERE
100 DRIED
APRICOTS
INSIDE THAT
MOUNTAIN
OF RICE!



NO. TAKE
ANOTHER
LOOK AT THE
RECORDING.

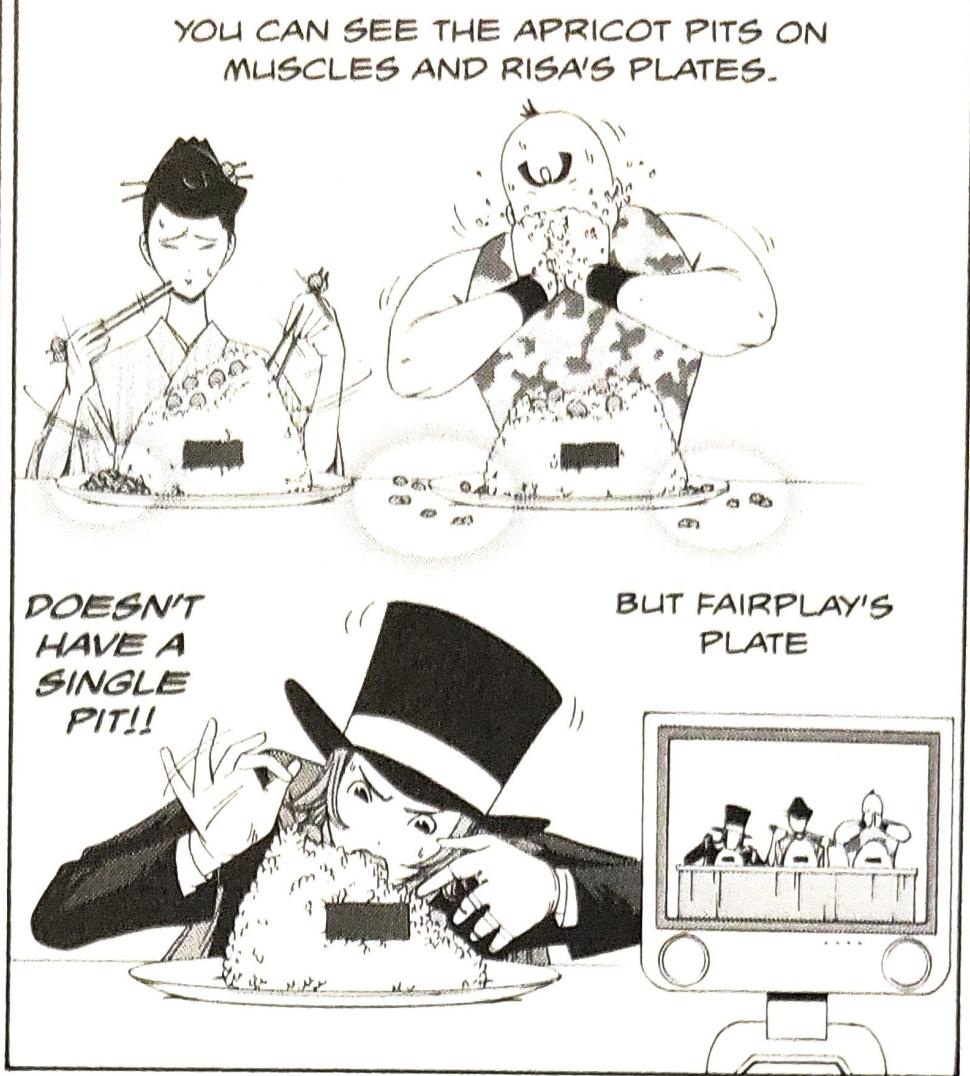
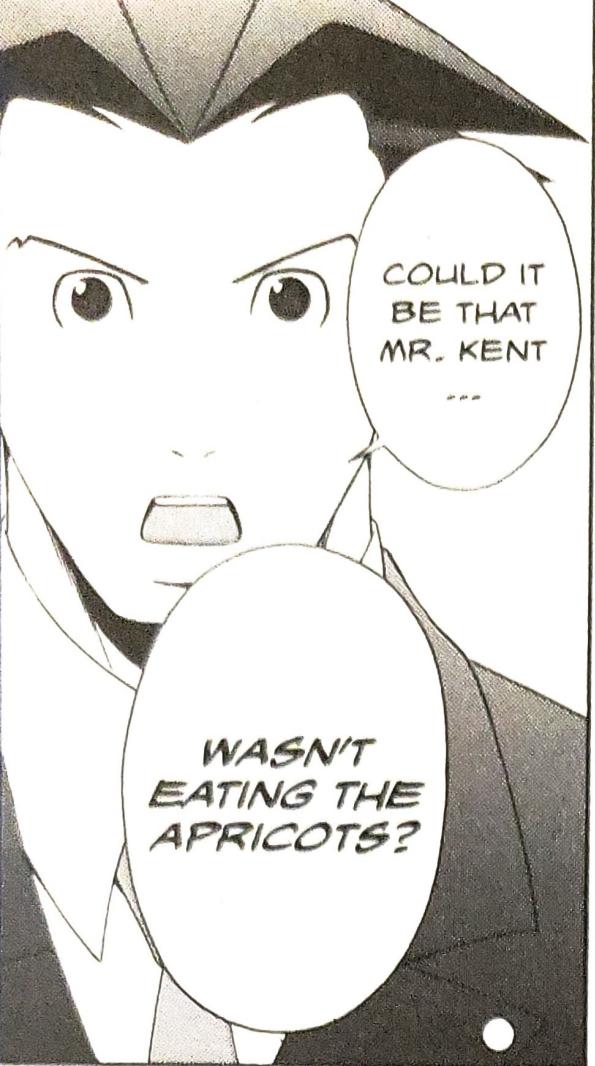
HE MUST
HAVE
PRACTICED
HARD TO
OVERCOME
HIS HATRED
OF DRIED
APRICOTS.

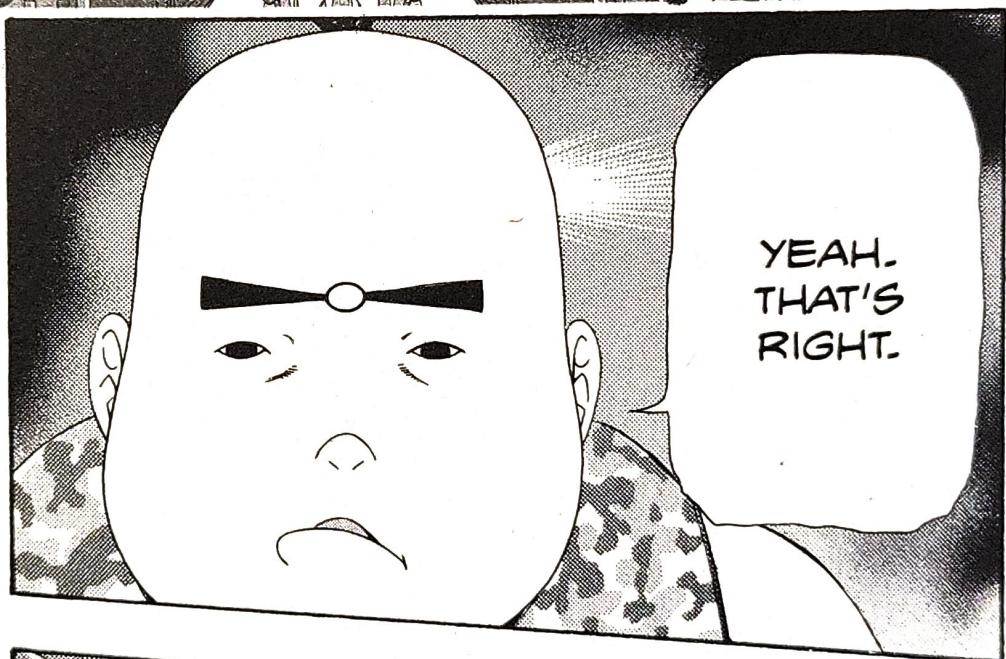
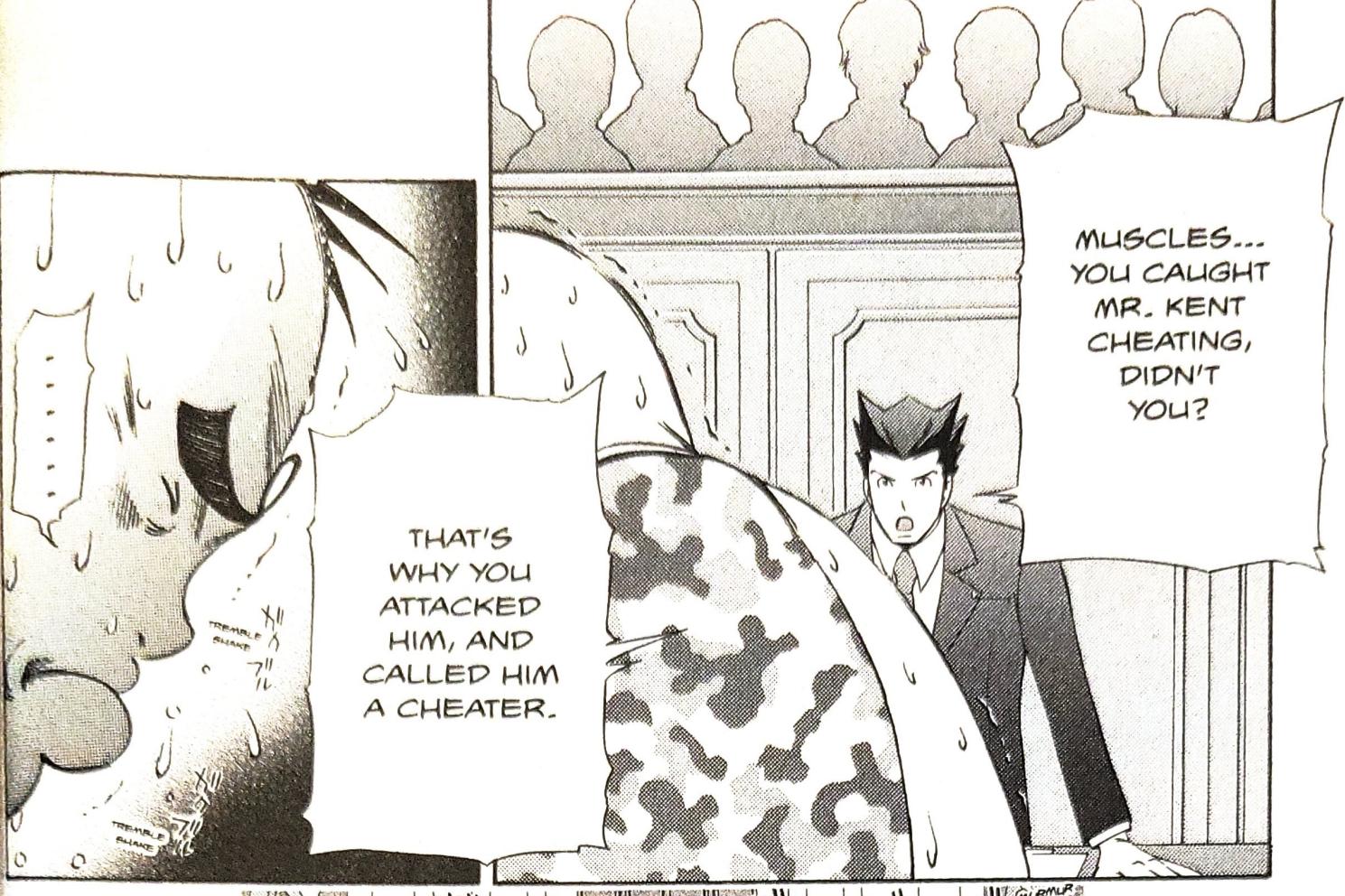
IT MEANS
HE IS
A TRUE
GORMAND
FIGHTER!

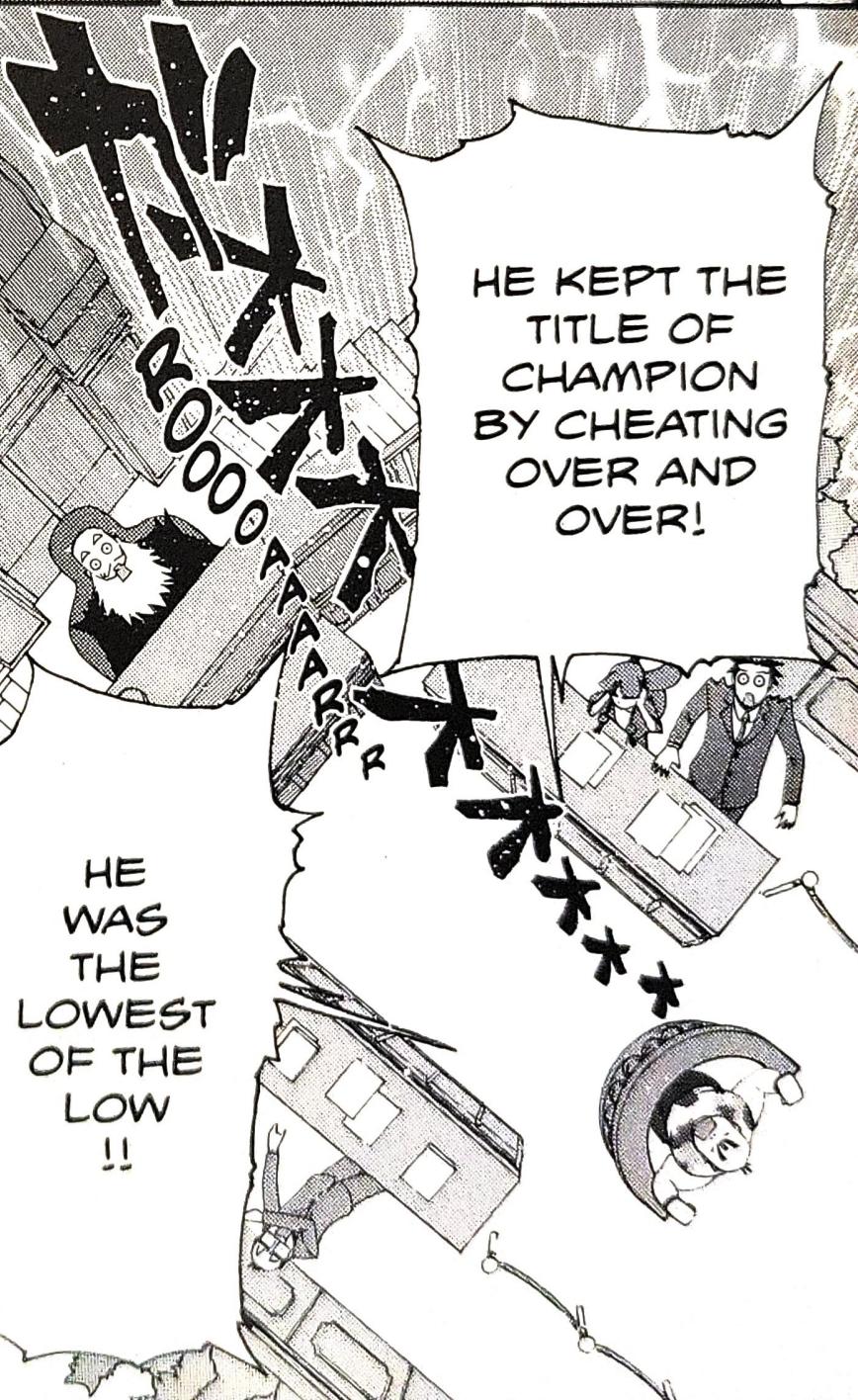
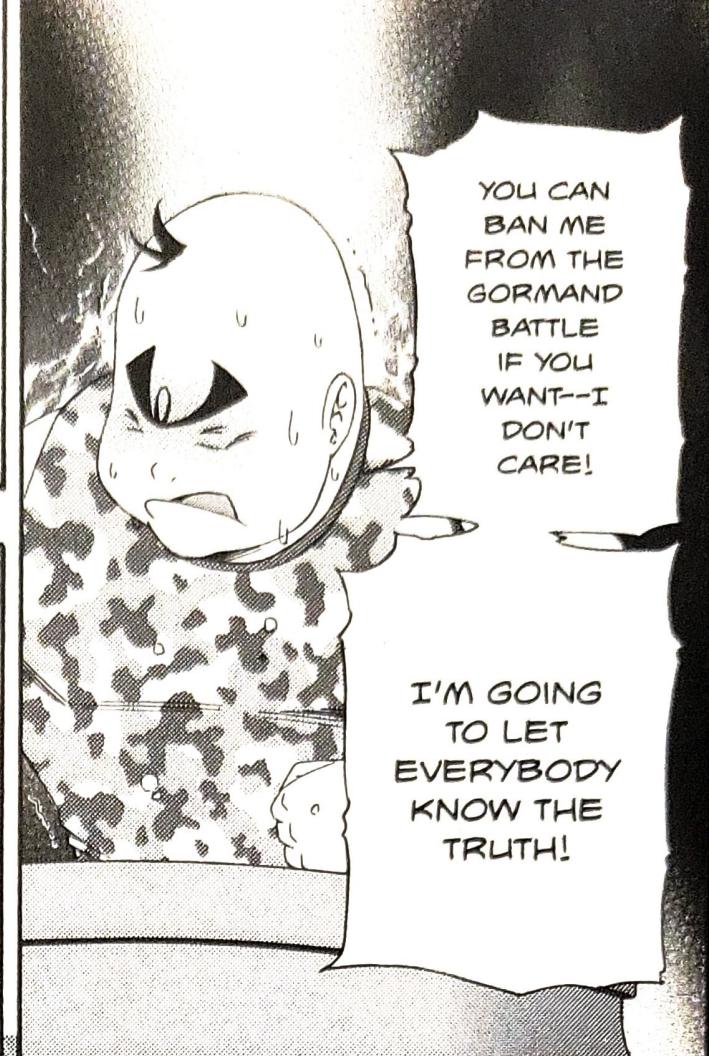


Likes: Dogs, hamburgers

Dislikes: Dried apricots,
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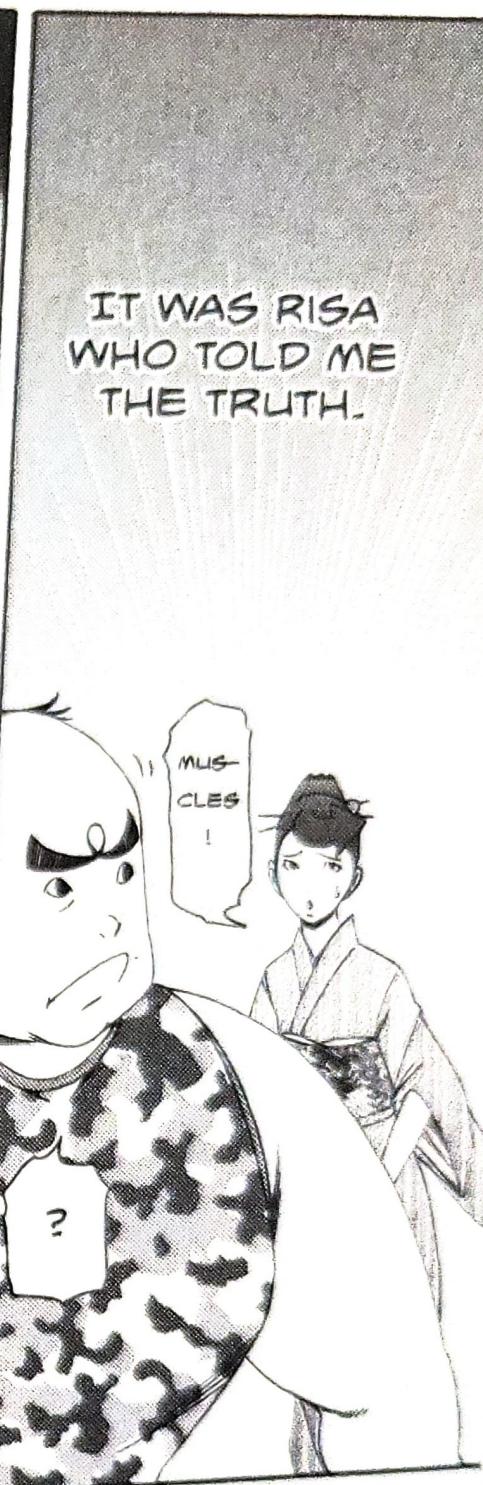
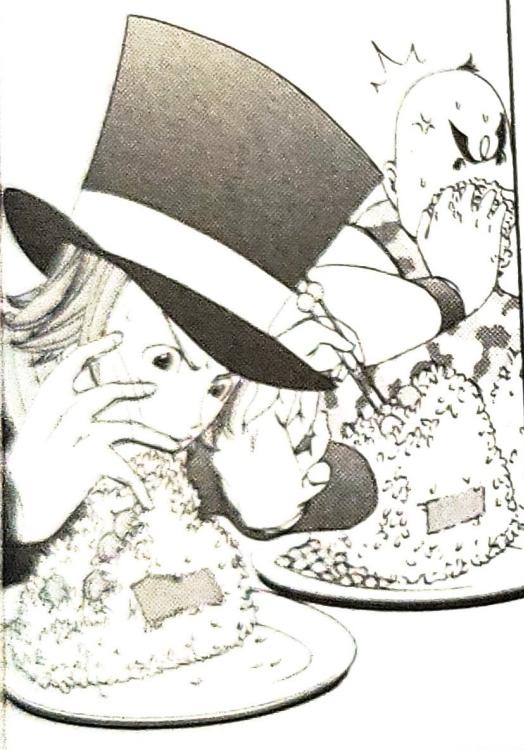


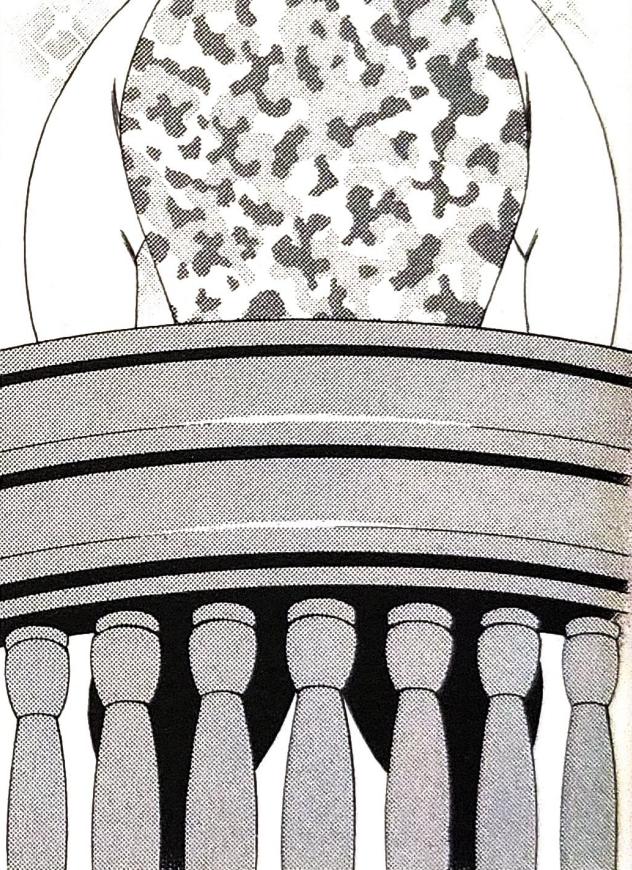




RISA'S HUNCH
WAS RIGHT ON
THE MONEY.

I WAS STARING AT
HIM THE WHOLE
TIME, AND HE
NEVER SPAT OUT A
SINGLE PIT!





GLINT
X
BUT
FAIRPLAY'S
FOUL
PLAY...

TO THINK,
THE MILO
"FAIRPLAY"
KENT HAD
BEEN
CHEATING ALL
ALONG...

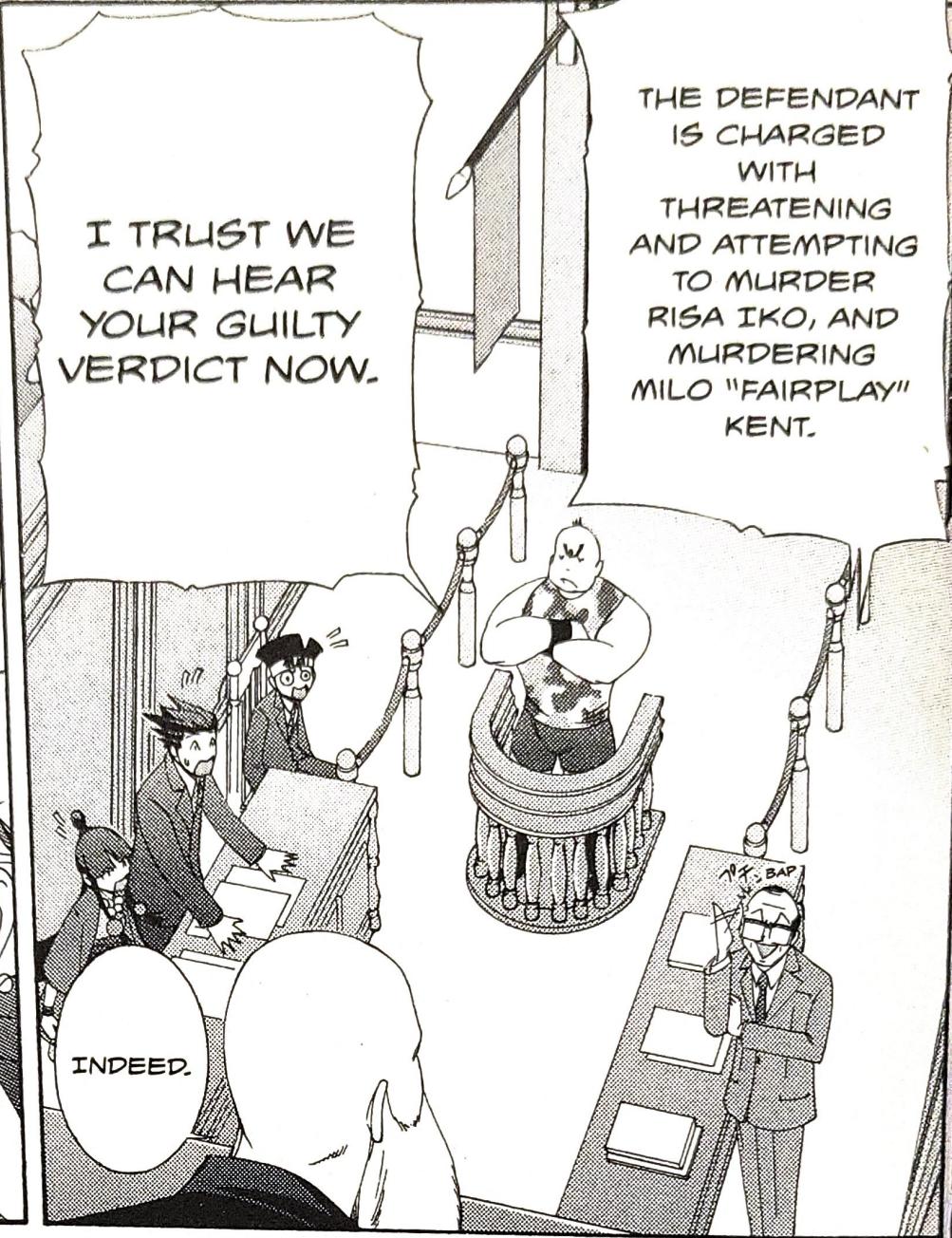
I UNDER-
STAND HOW
YOU FEEL,
WITNESS.

SWEAT
SWEAT
SWEAT
HUUH
...?

IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THE DE-
FENDANT'S
CRIME!!

IS
COM-
PLETELY
IRRELEVANT
TO THIS
CASE!!

YOUR
HONOR!!
I SEE NO
REASON TO
PROLONG
THIS TRIAL!!



LOOKING BACK THROUGH TODAY'S TRIAL, NOTHING MAKES SENSE...

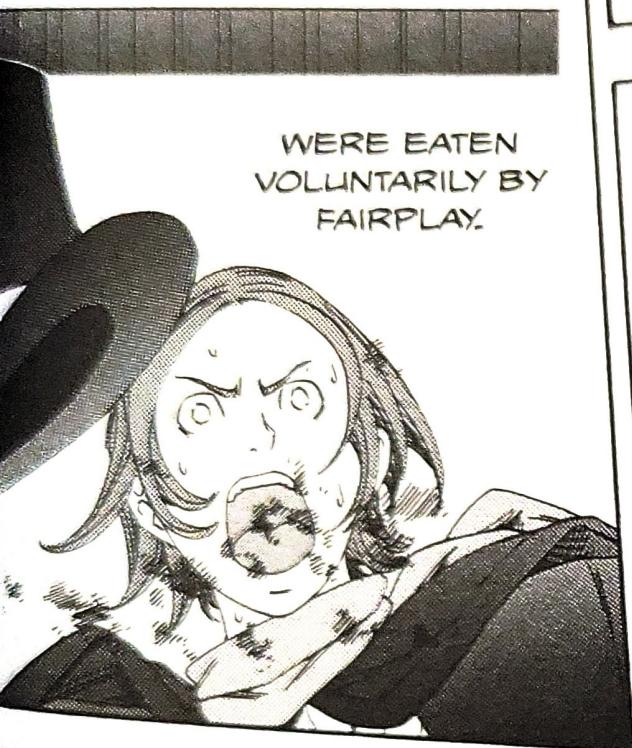


WASN'T
PLAYING FAIR.

THE POISONED
NOODLES THAT
WERE MEANT TO
KILL RISA



WERE EATEN
VOLUNTARILY BY
FAIRPLAY.



WAS
ACTUALLY
SENT
TO RISA
IKO.

You no longer deserve to live. You must pay for defiling the sacred Gormand Battle. The only way to atone for your crimes is with your death. At tonight's Gormand Battle, you will get a taste of your own poison.

AND THE
THREAT
WE
THOUGHT
WAS
MEANT
FOR MR.
KENT

You no longer deserve to live. You must pay for defiling the sacred Gormand Battle. The only way to atone for your crimes is with your death. At tonight's Gormand Battle, you will get a taste of your own poison.

Risa
IKO.

DO ANY OF THE OTHER
GORMAND FIGHTERS HAVE
SOMETHING TO HIDE!?



ALL
DUN-
DUN-
DONE!!

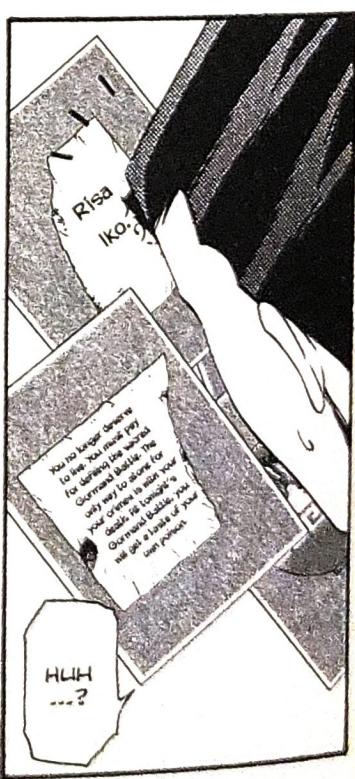
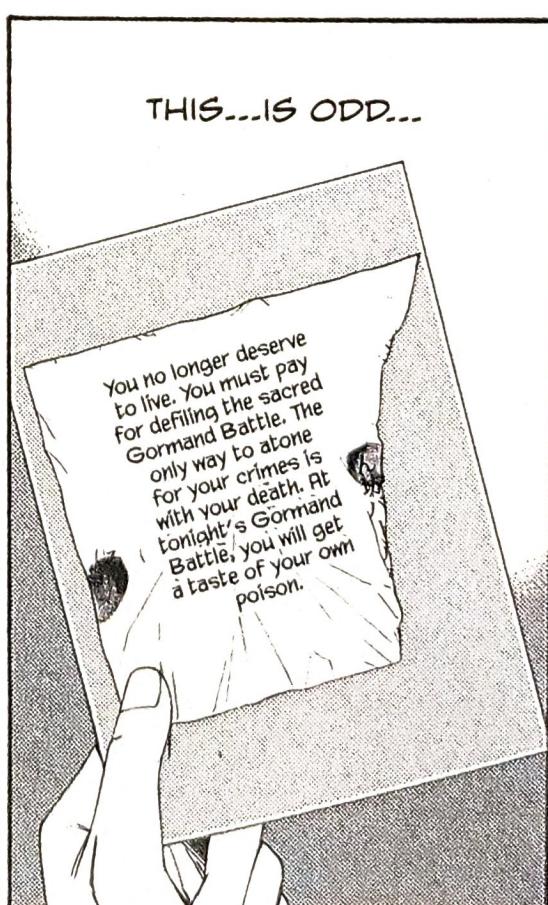
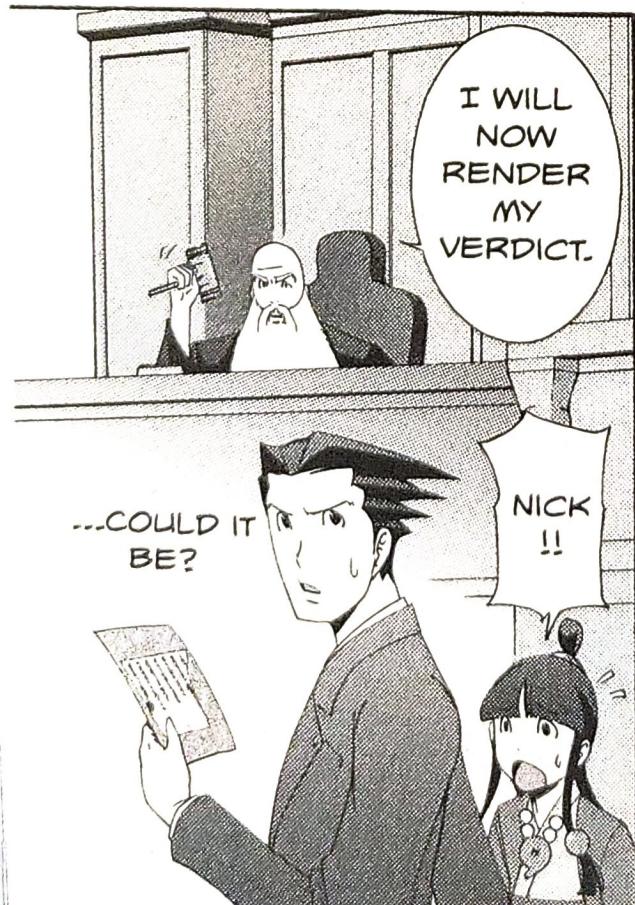
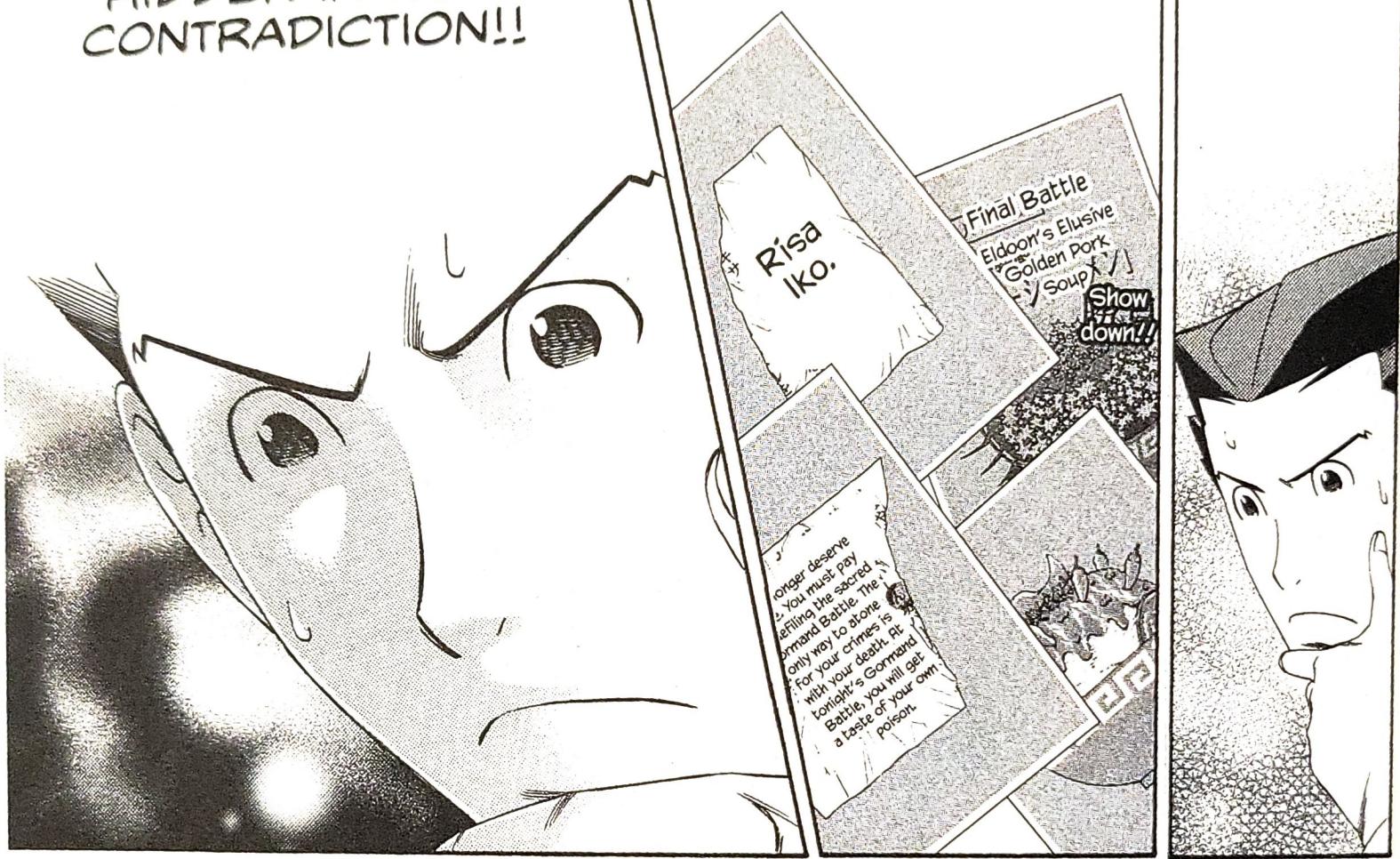
FAIRPLAY
HAD A CLEAN
IMAGE, BUT
WAS IN FACT
NOT PLAYING
FAIR.

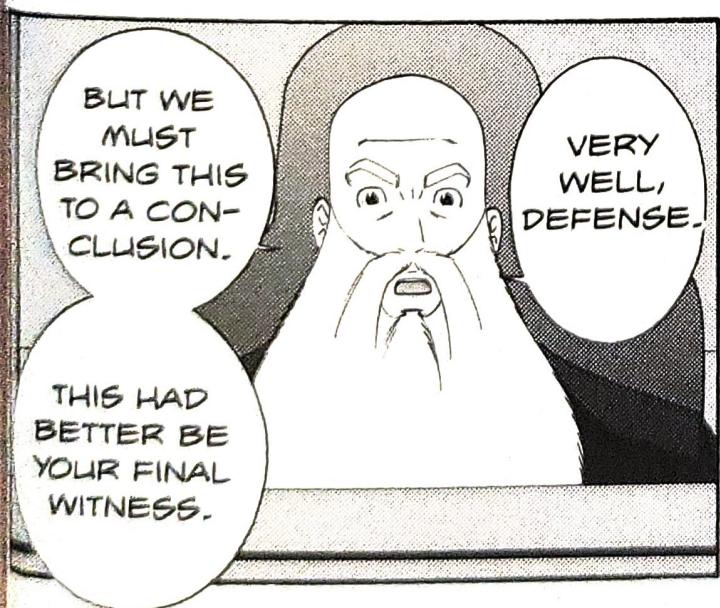
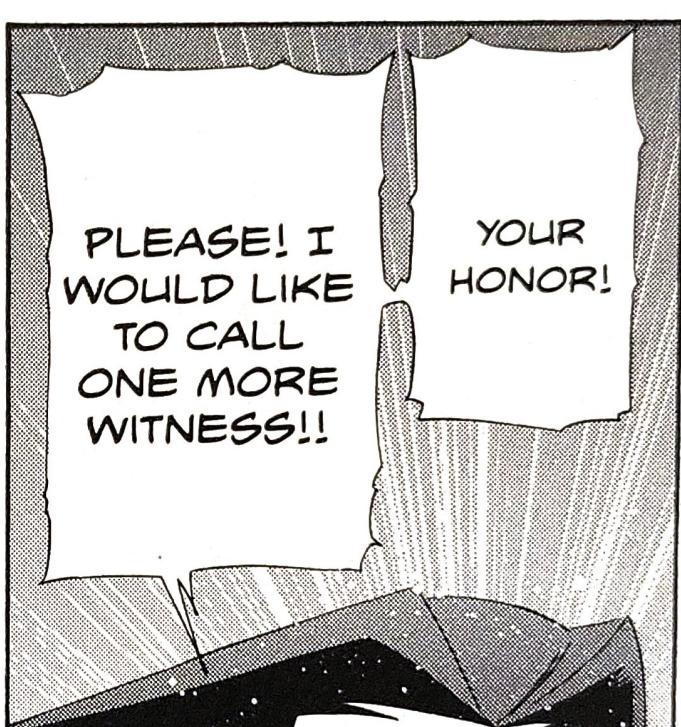
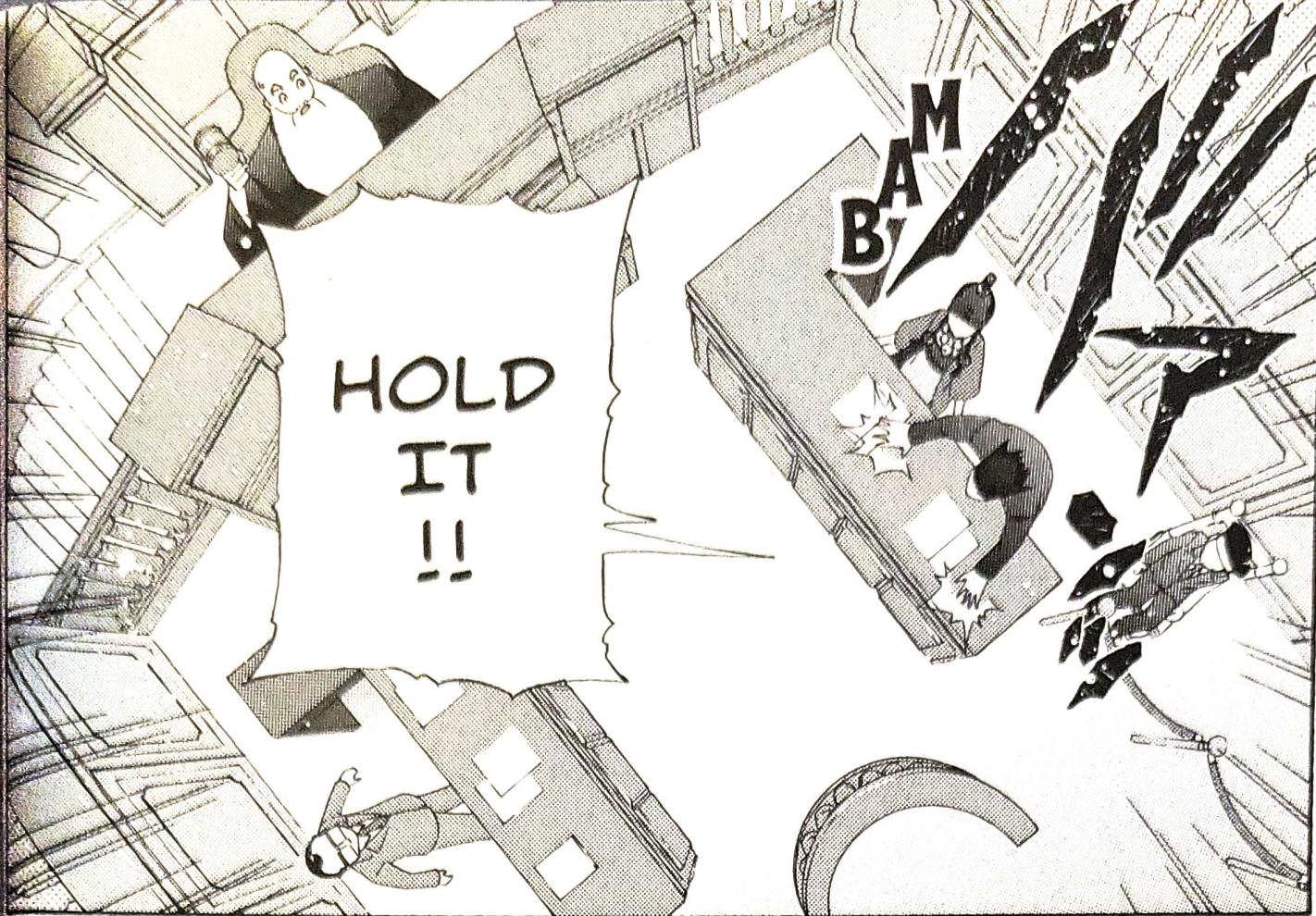


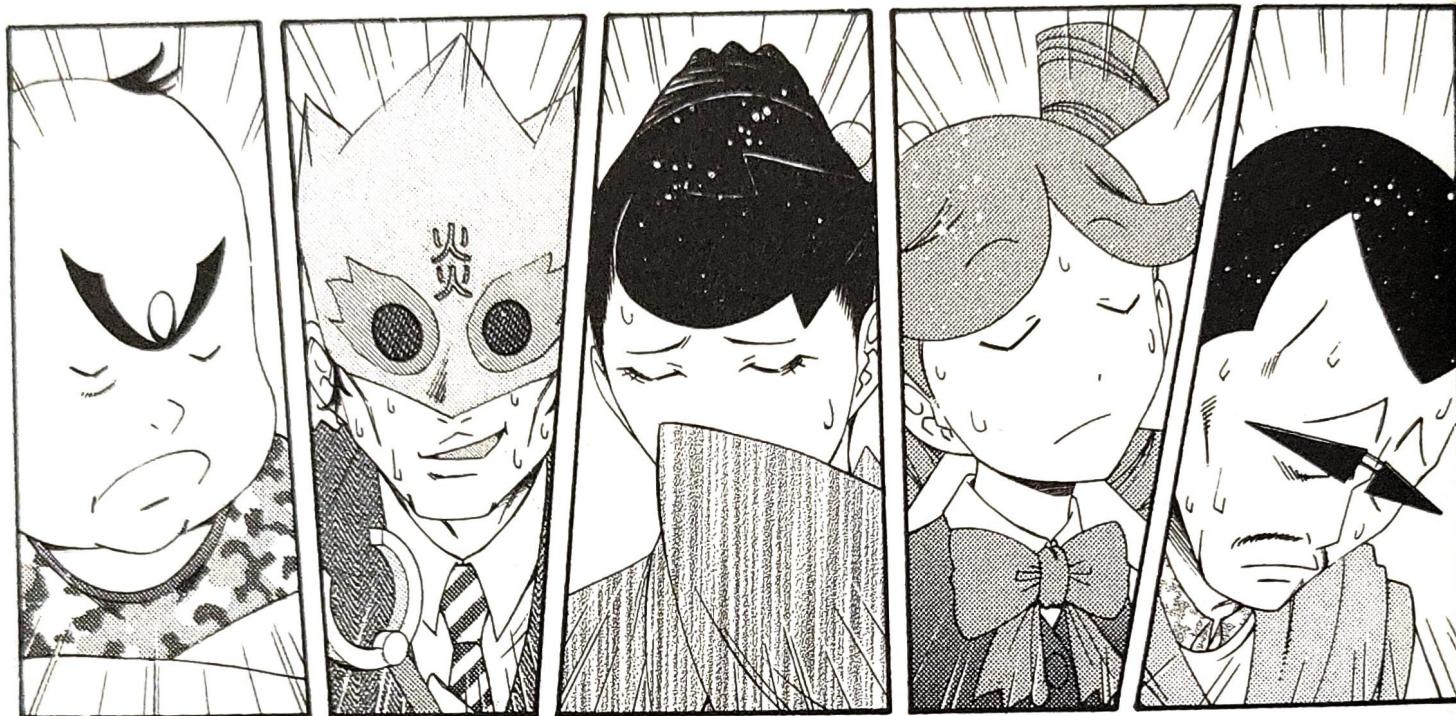
THE
TRUTH MUST BE
HIDDEN IN THAT
CONTRADICTION!!

ISN'T THERE ANY
MORE EVIDENCE...
OR A TESTIMONY
THAT SHOWS A
CONTRADICTION!?

THINK,
PHOENIX
WRIGHT
!!







PLEASE
TESTIFY FOR
US, ONE
MORE TIME.

MS.
RISA
IKO.

DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM NO.3: RISA IKO'S TESTIMONY REVISITED

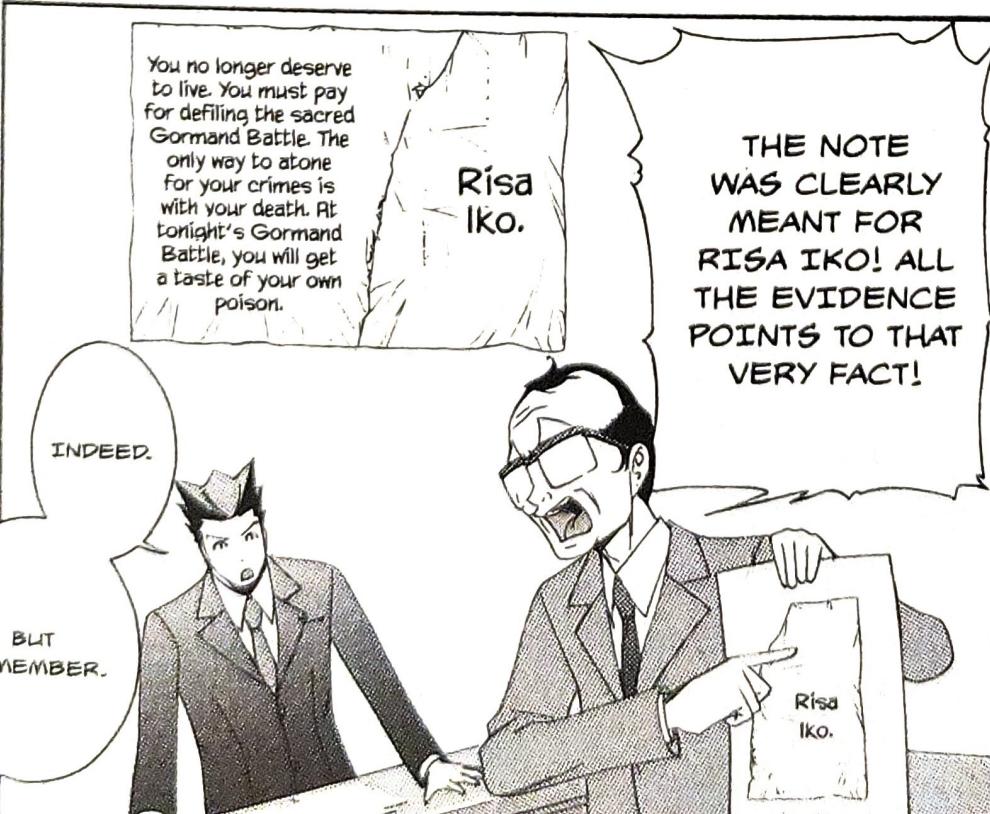
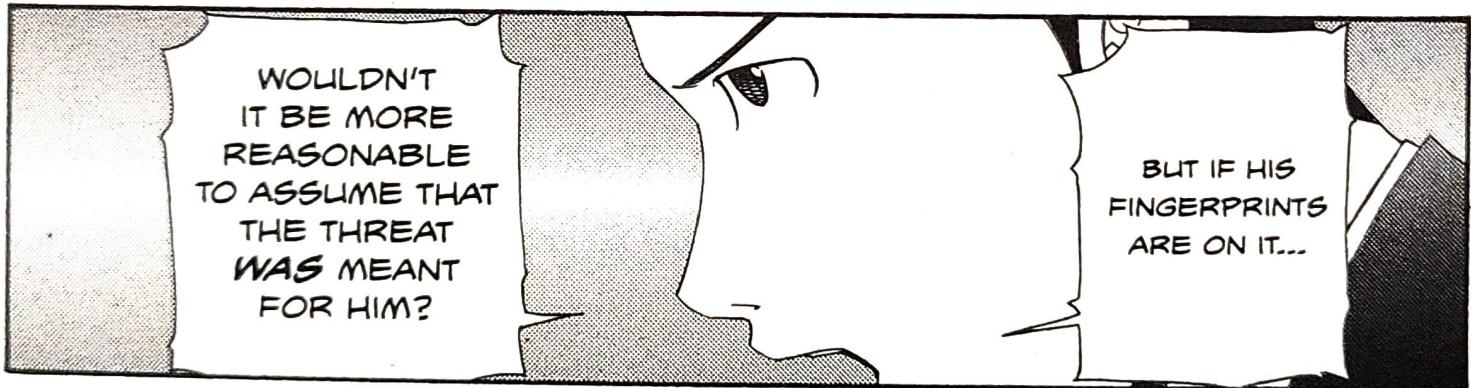
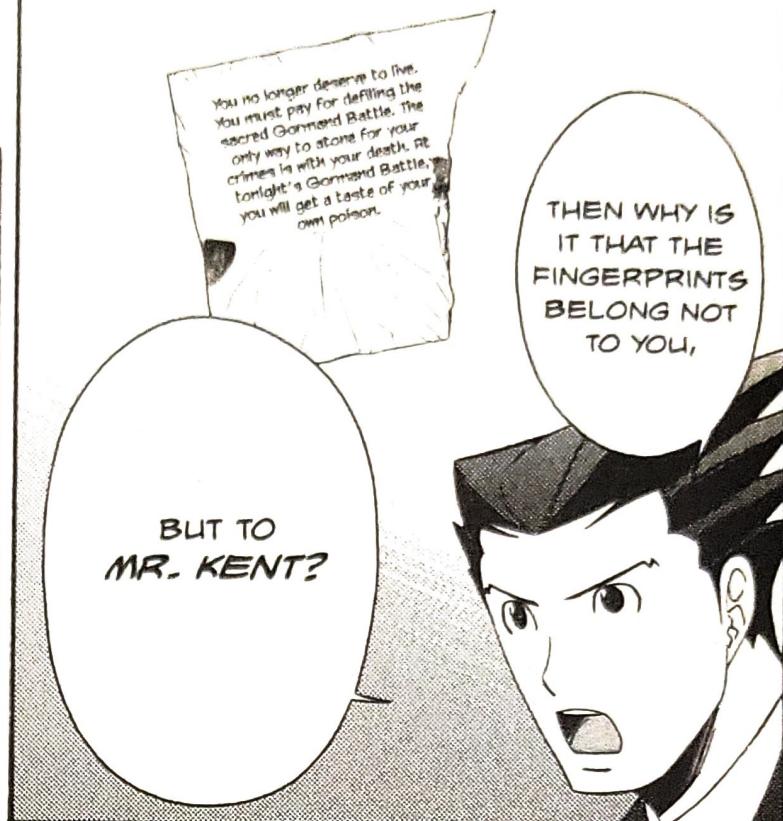
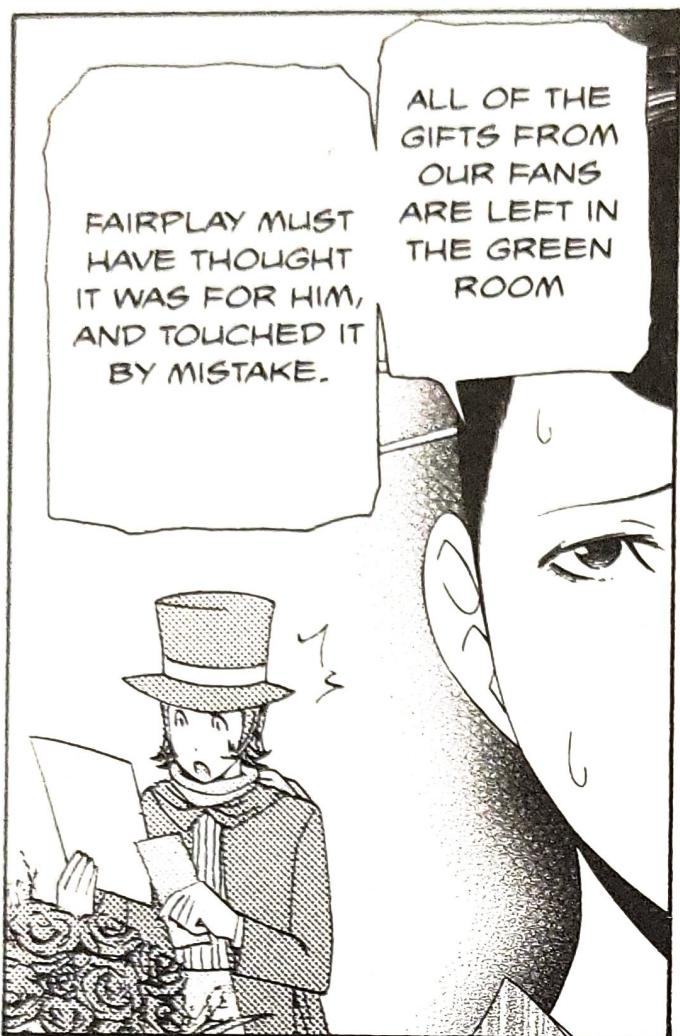
THE
DEFENDANT
WAS REALLY
TRYING TO
KILL ME...

UM... I'VE
TOLD YOU
EVERYTHING I
KNOW...

YES...
IT WAS INSIDE
A BOUQUET A
FAN SENT ME.

YOU ARE
ABSOLUTELY
CERTAIN THE
THREATENING
NOTE WAS
SENT TO
YOU?

I WOULD
LIKE TO
CONFIRM
ONE MORE
TIME.



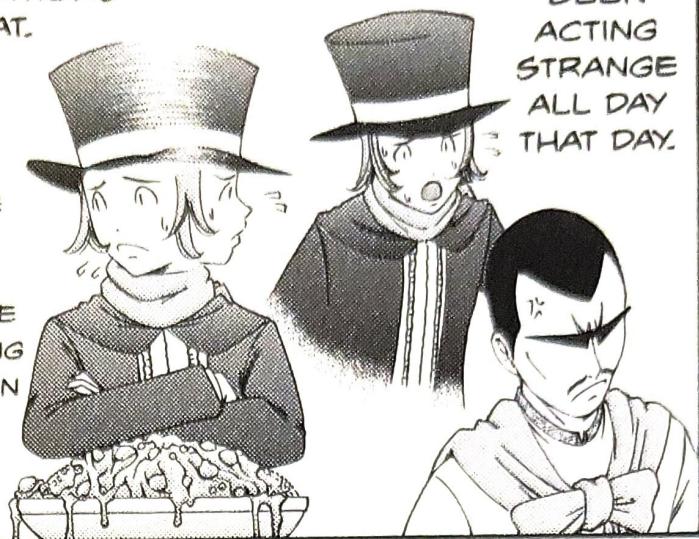
WE MUST ASSUME THAT MR. KENT HAD BEEN THREATENED, AS WELL!!

AND DURING EACH BATTLE, HE REFUSED TO START EATING UNTIL HE'D SEEN THE OTHER COMPETITORS EAT.

HE ASKED THE PRODUCER TO TAKE HIM OUT OF THE MATCH.

MR. KENT HAD BEEN ACTING STRANGE ALL DAY THAT DAY.

ALMOST AS IF HE WERE AFRAID SOMEONE WAS GOING TO POISON HIM.



WHERE IS YOUR PROOF THAT MILO "FAIRPLAY" KENT RECEIVED THE BOTTOM HALF OF THIS NOTE!?

ARRRGH! THIS IS WORSE THAN A DAYDREAM - IT'S A DELUSION!!

Milo
You no longer deserve to live. You must pay for defiling the sacred Gormand Battle. The only way to atone for your "Fairplay" crimes is with your death. At tonight's Gormand Battle, you will get a taste of your own poison.

Kent.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING THERE WAS ANOTHER NOTE? ONE SENT TO THE VICTIM?

ANOTHER OUTRAGEOUS CLAIM!

IT'S RIGHT HERE IN THE COURT RECORD.

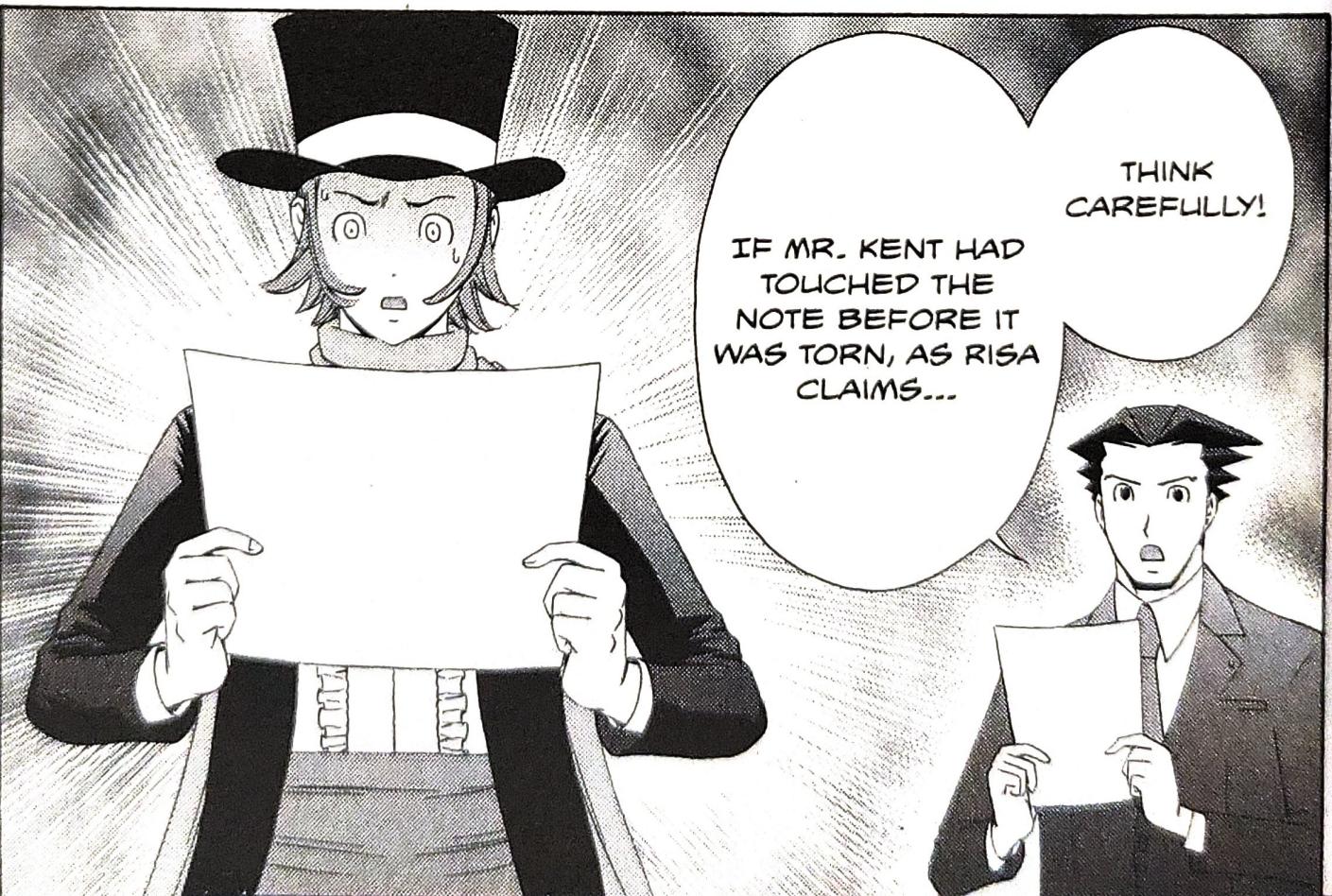
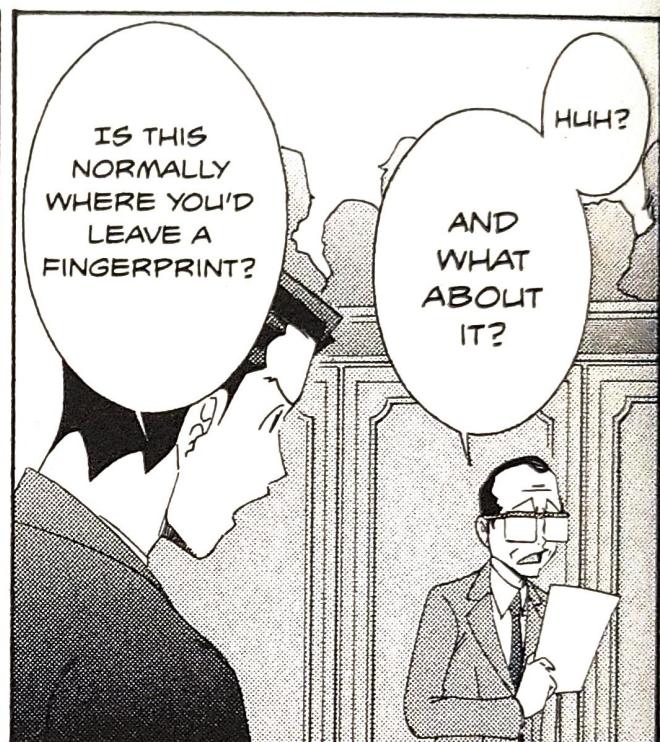
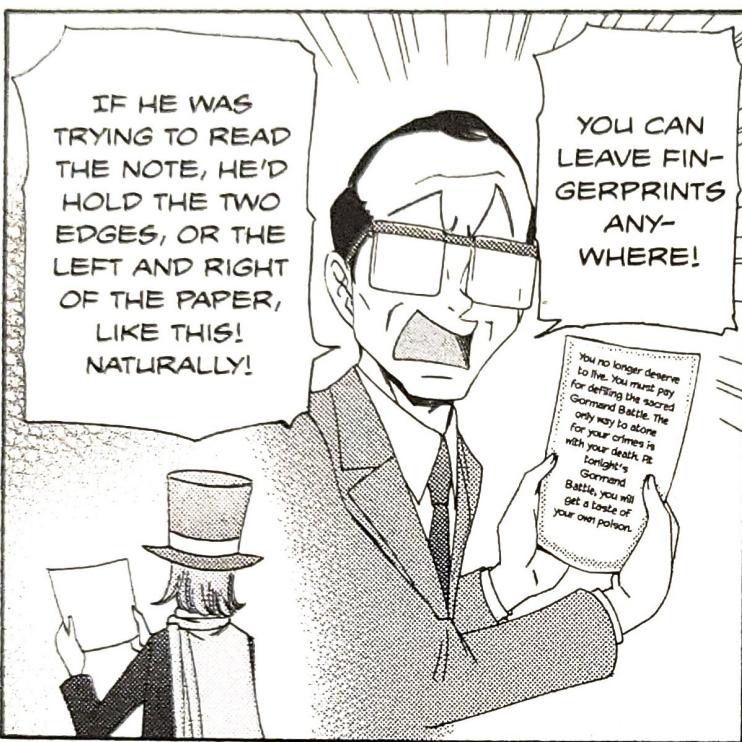
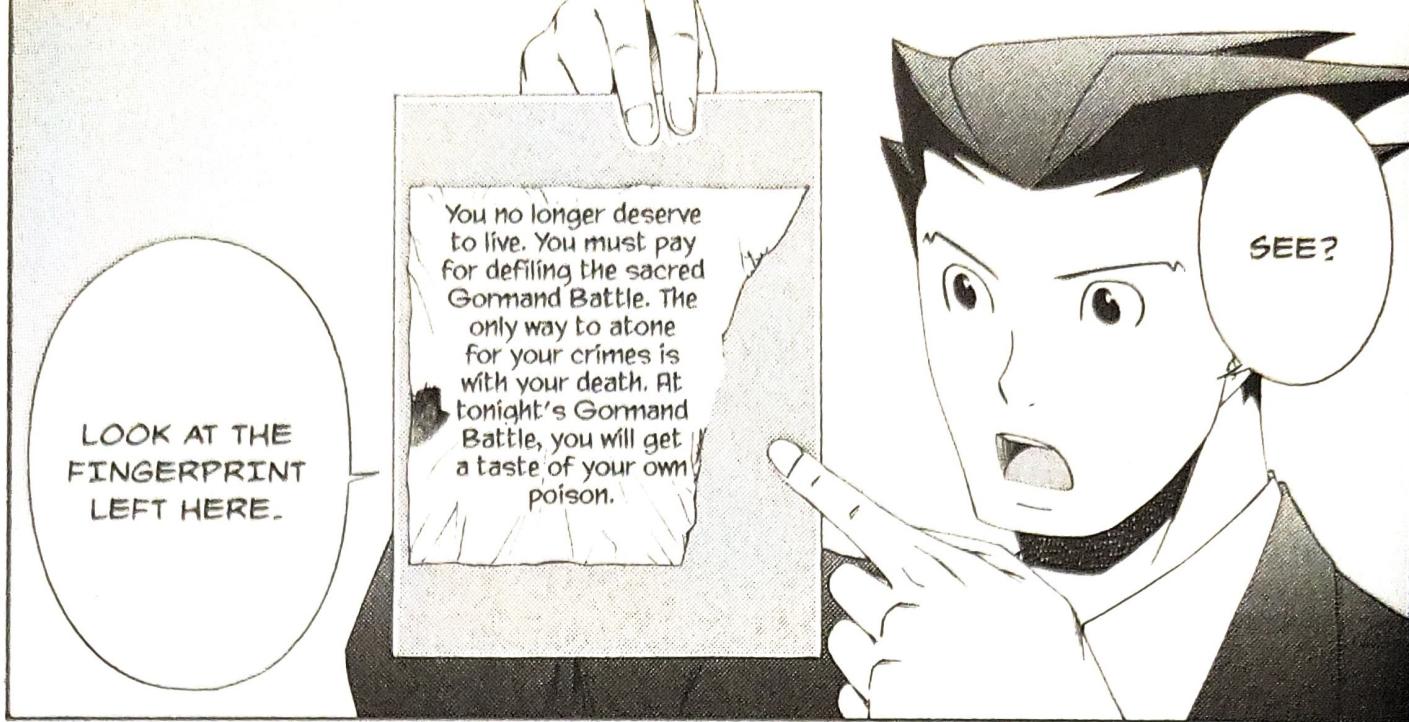
ONLY SENT ONE HALF OF THE TORN NOTE

TO MR. KENT.

You no longer deserve to live. You must pay for defiling the sacred Gormand Battle. The only way to atone for your crimes is with your death. At tonight's Gormand Battle, you will get a taste of your own poison.

THE NOTE'S SENDER

NO.



You no longer deserve to live. You must pay for defiling the sacred Gormand Battle. The only way to atone for your crimes is with your death. At tonight's Gormand Battle, you will get a taste of your own poison.

Risa
IKO.

HE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT A FINGERPRINT IN THAT SPOT!



...WHAAA??

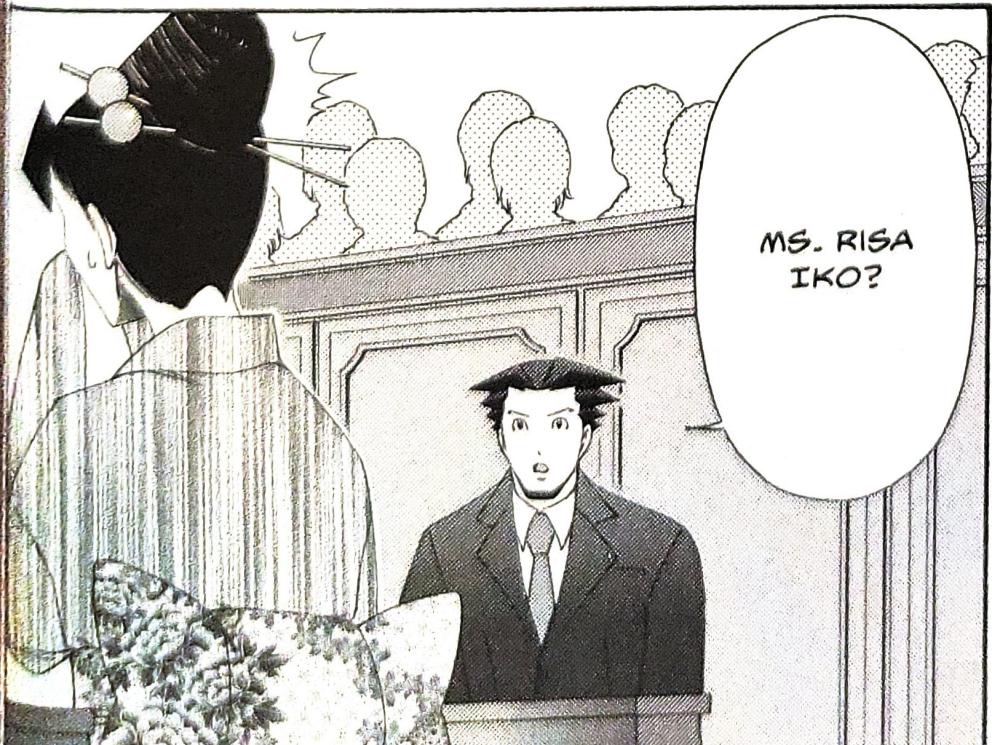


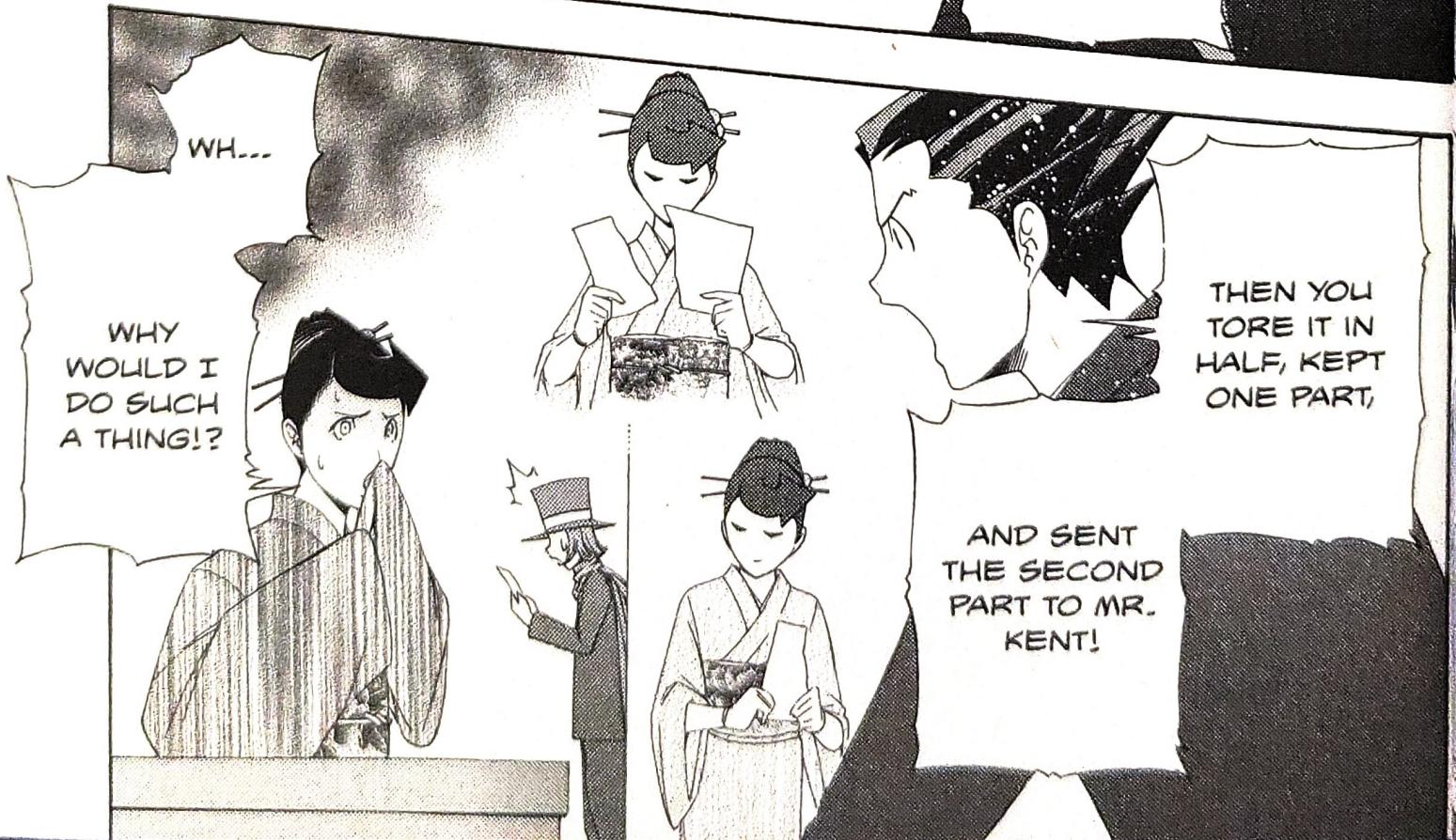
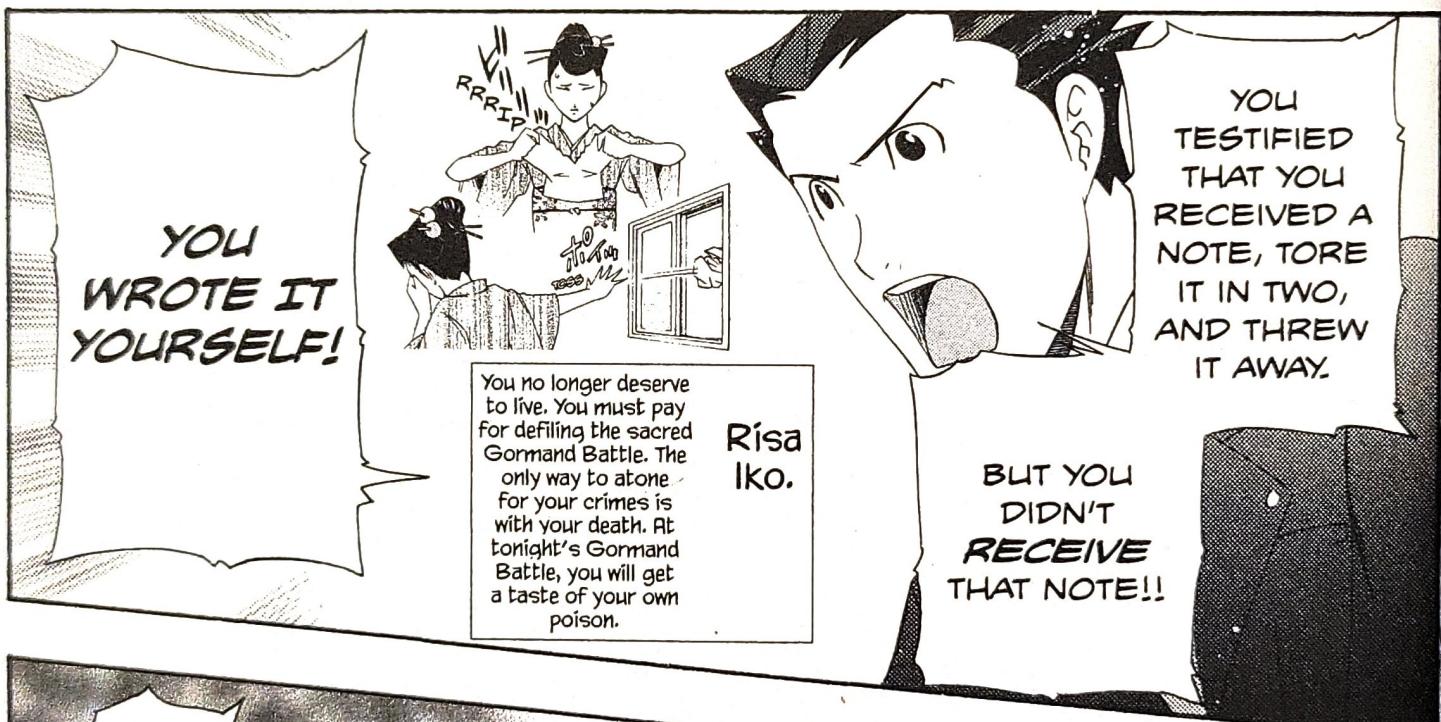
IN
OTHER
WORDS,
THE NOTE
MR. KENT
RECEIVED

HAD
BEEN
TORN
FROM
THE VERY
BEGIN-
NING.

MS. RISA
IKO?

WHY WOULD
SOMEONE
TEAR OFF
HALF OF
A THREAT
BEFORE
SENDING IT?



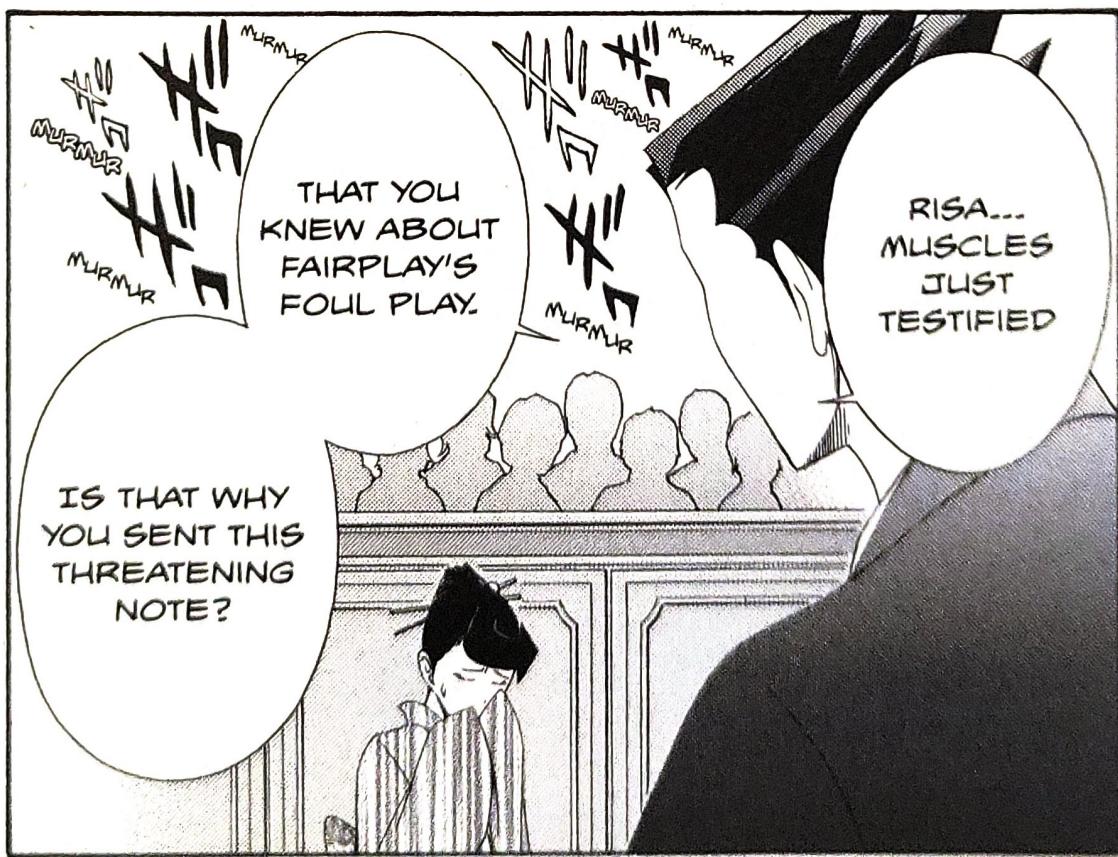
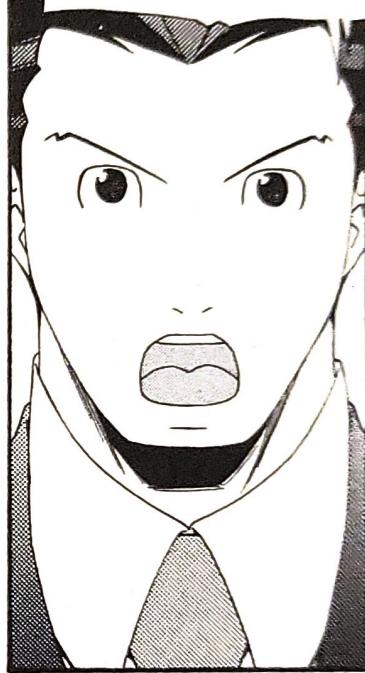
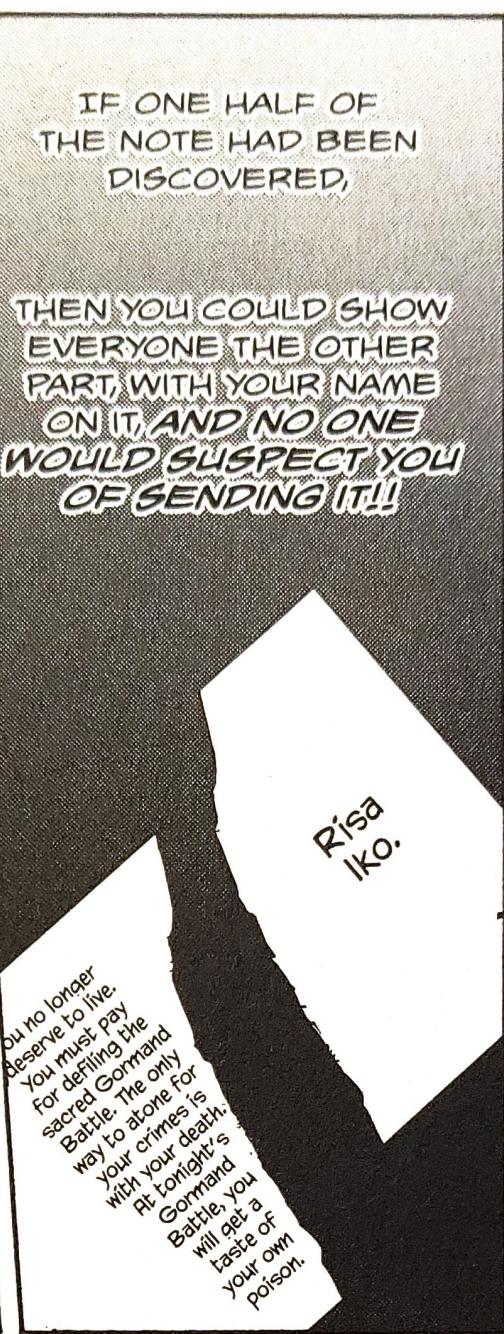


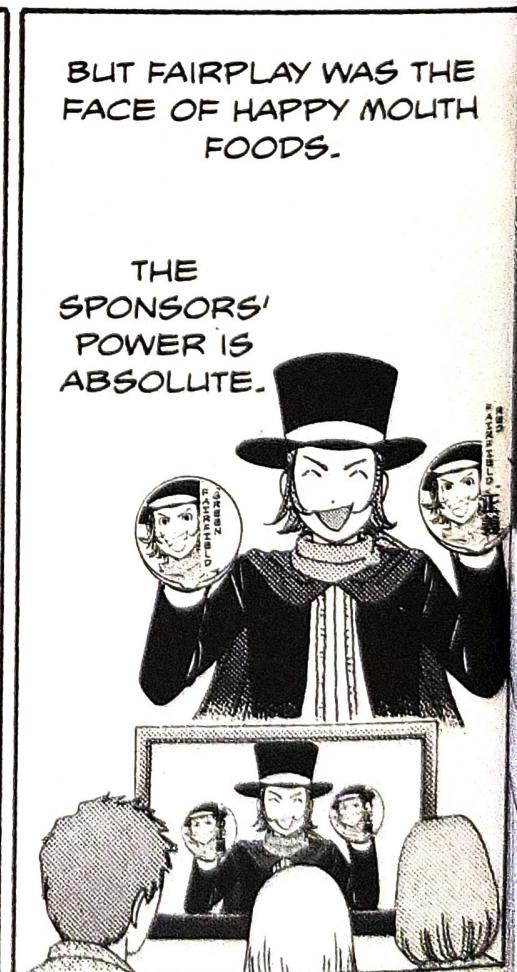
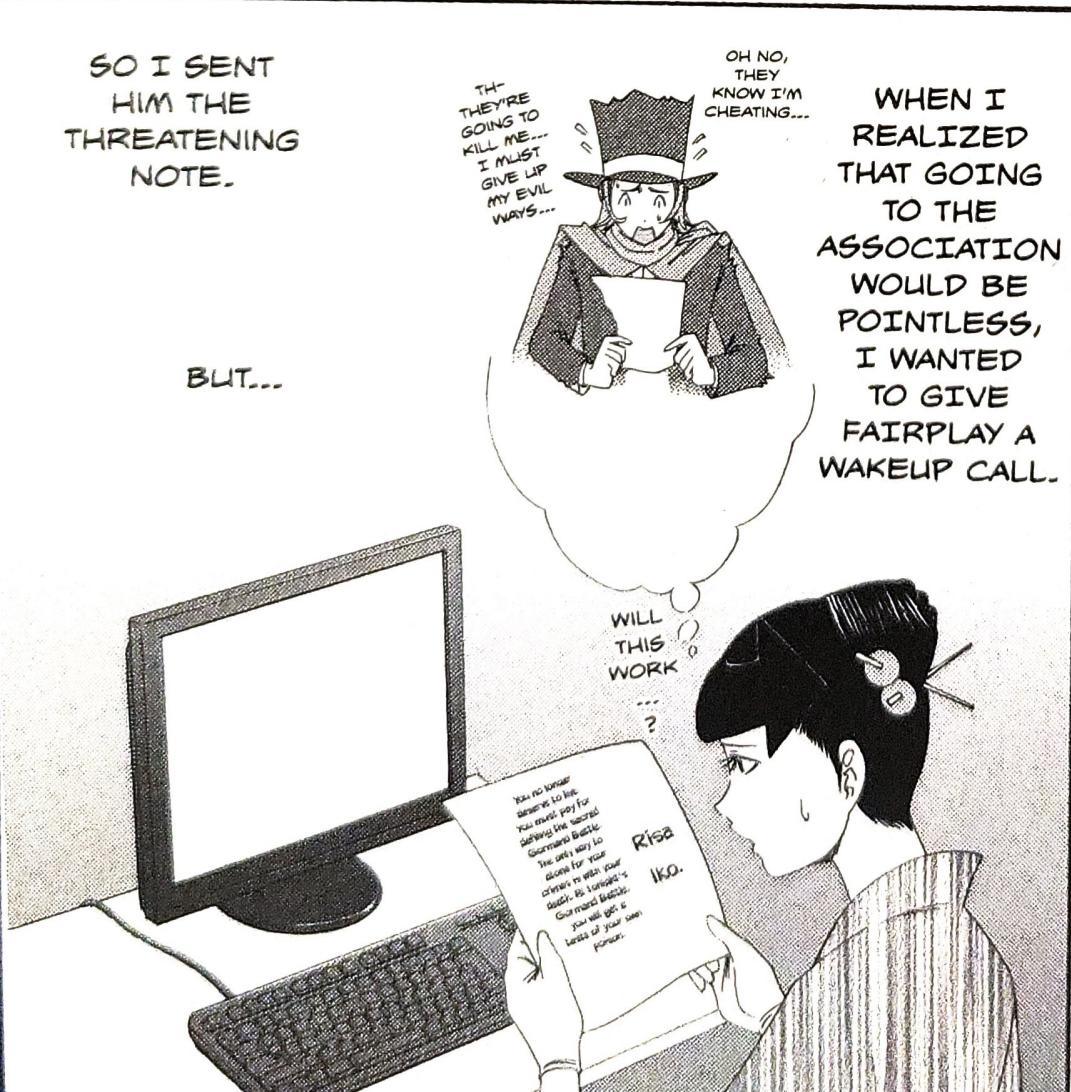
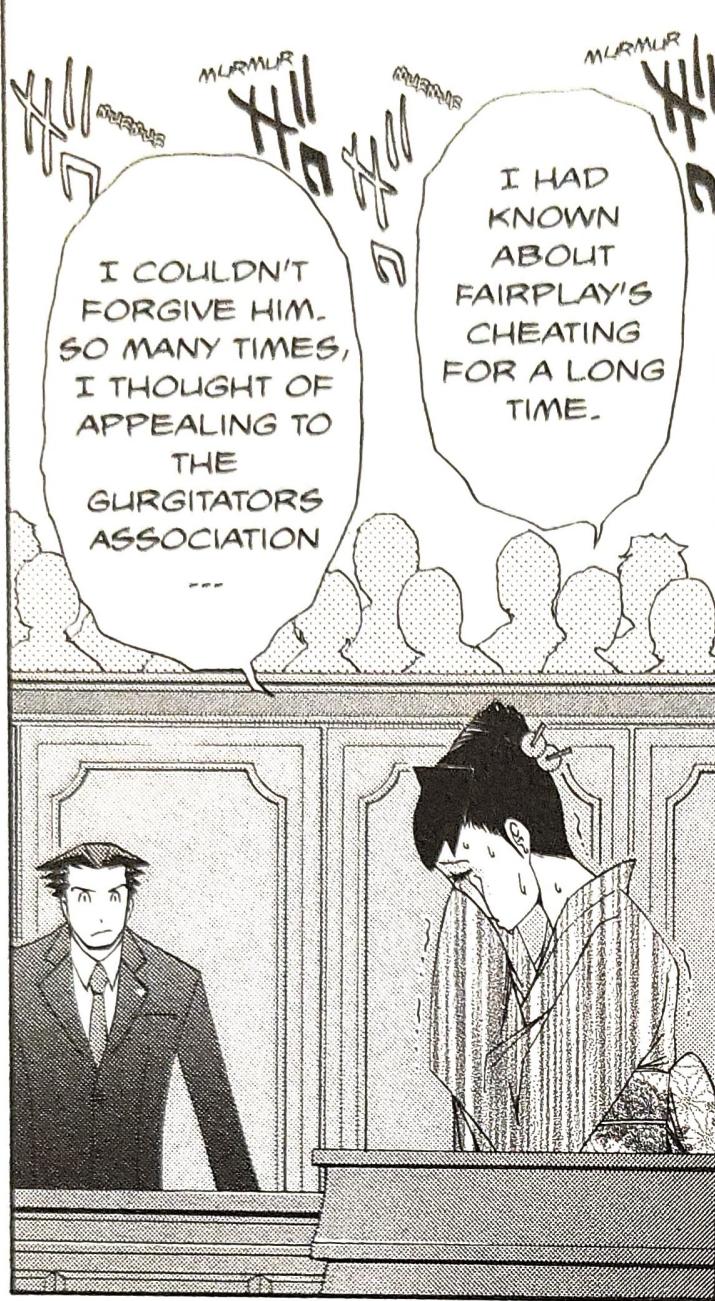
AND SURE ENOUGH,
MR. KENT TOSSSED
THE NOTE INTO THE
GLITTER BEHIND THE
STUDIO...

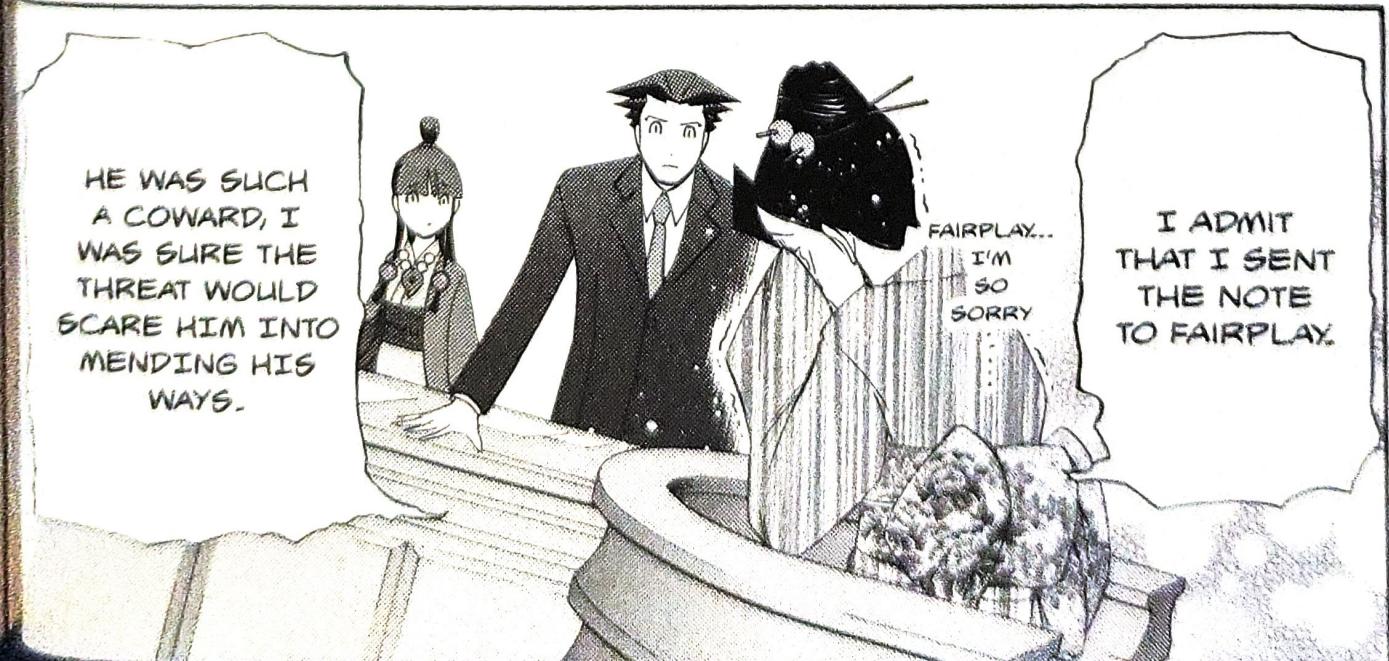
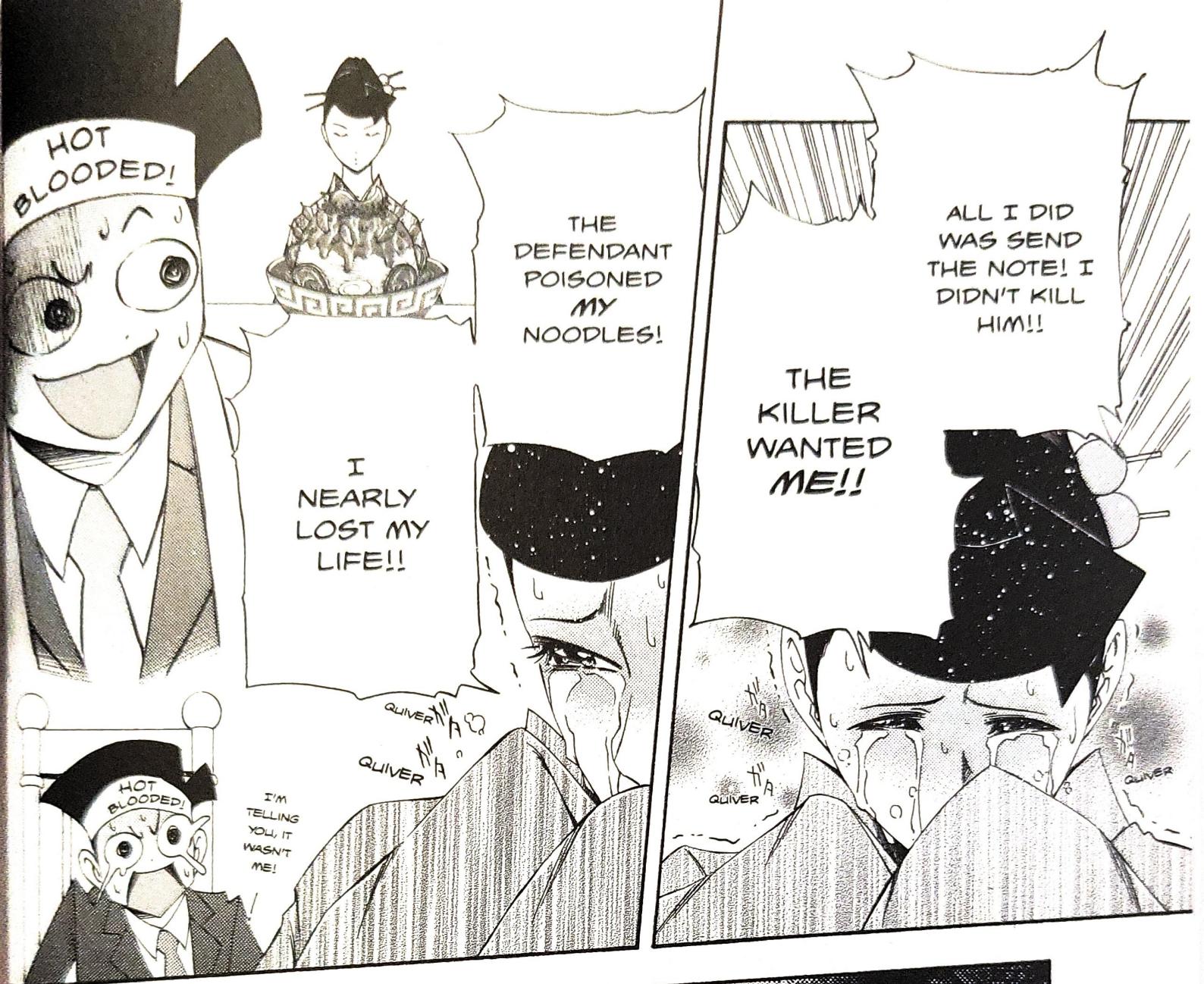
IF ONE HALF OF
THE NOTE HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED,

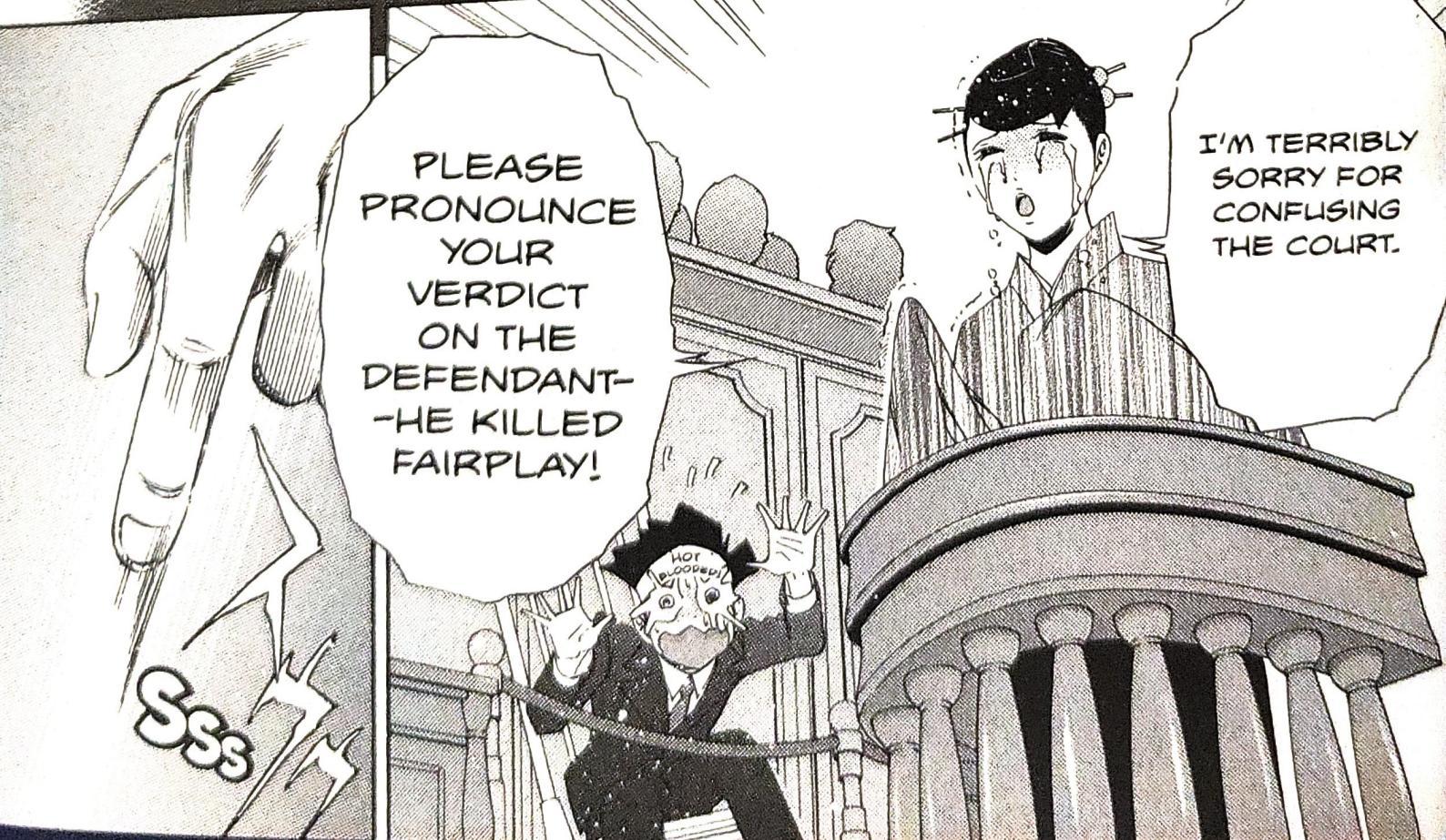
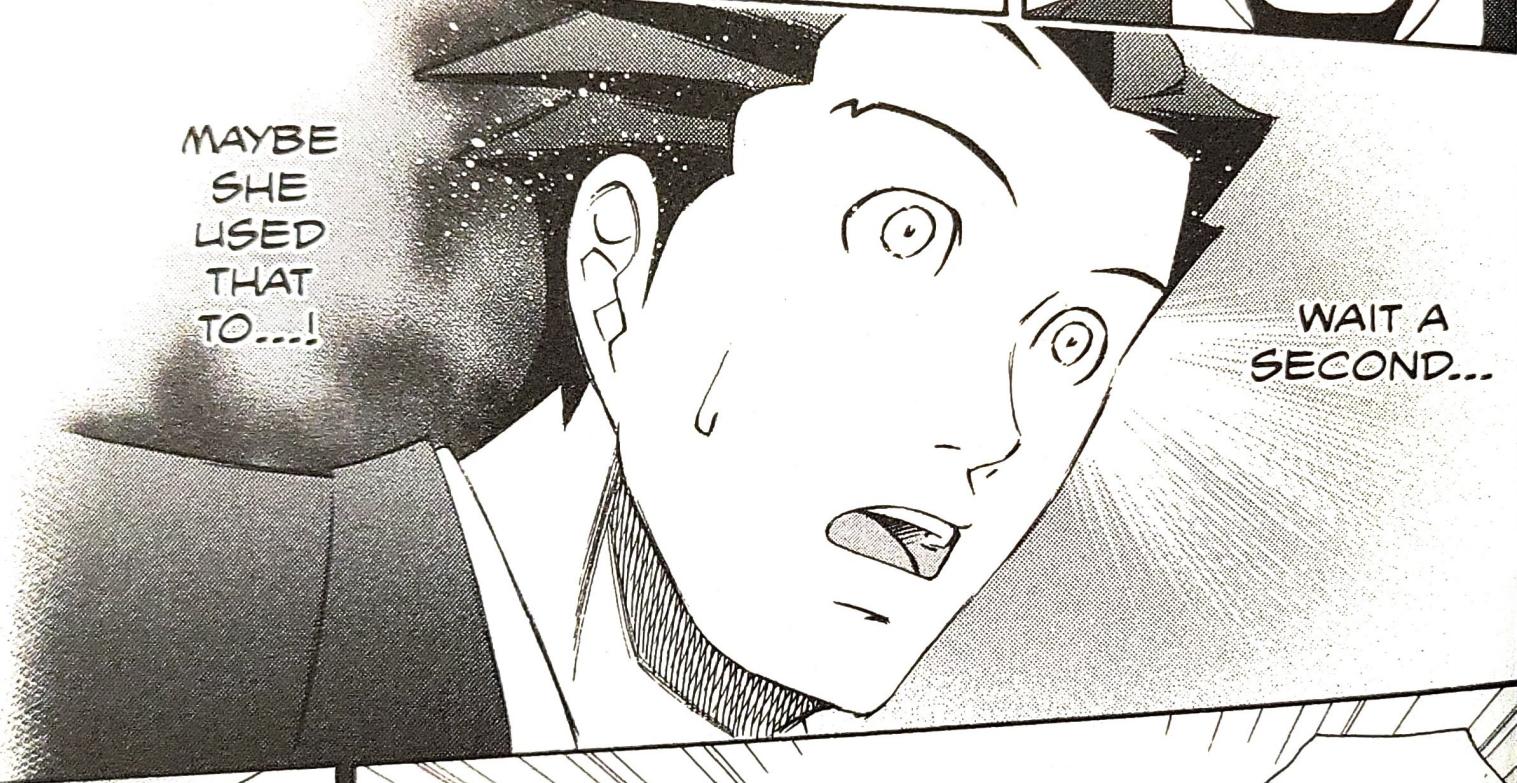
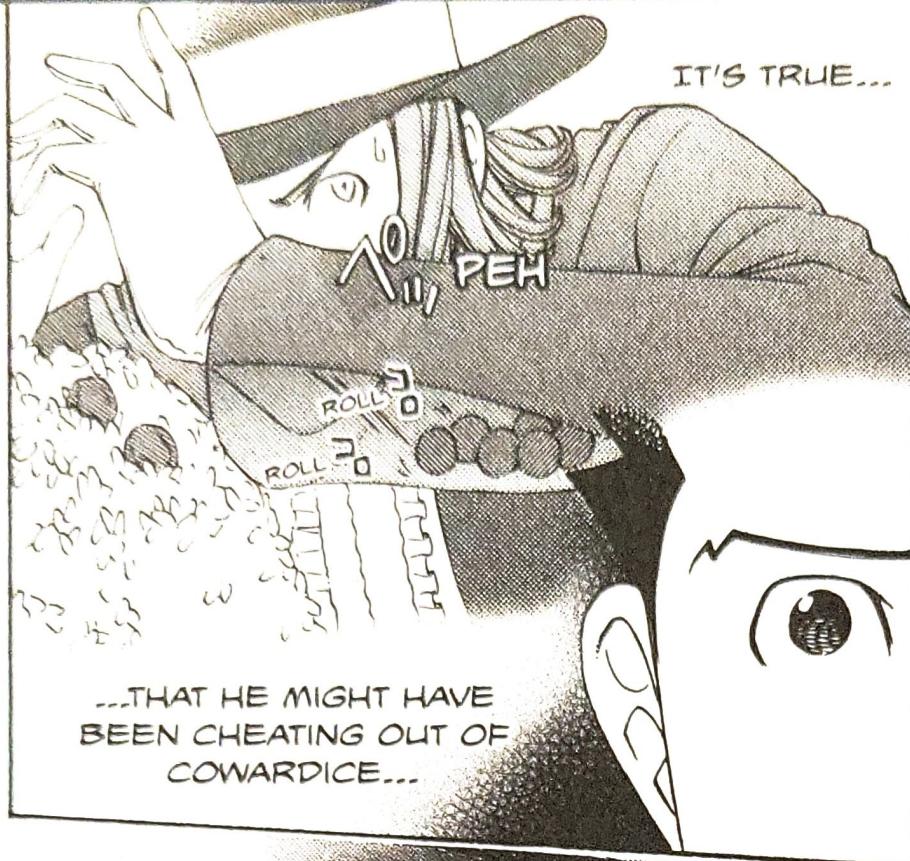
THEN YOU COULD SHOW
EVERYONE THE OTHER
PART, WITH YOUR NAME
ON IT, AND NO ONE
WOULD SUSPECT YOU
OF SENDING IT!!

SO THAT
NO ONE
WOULD
THINK
THAT YOU
SENT THE
NOTE!!









WHIP!

I'M NOT
DONE
YET!

RISA
IKO!

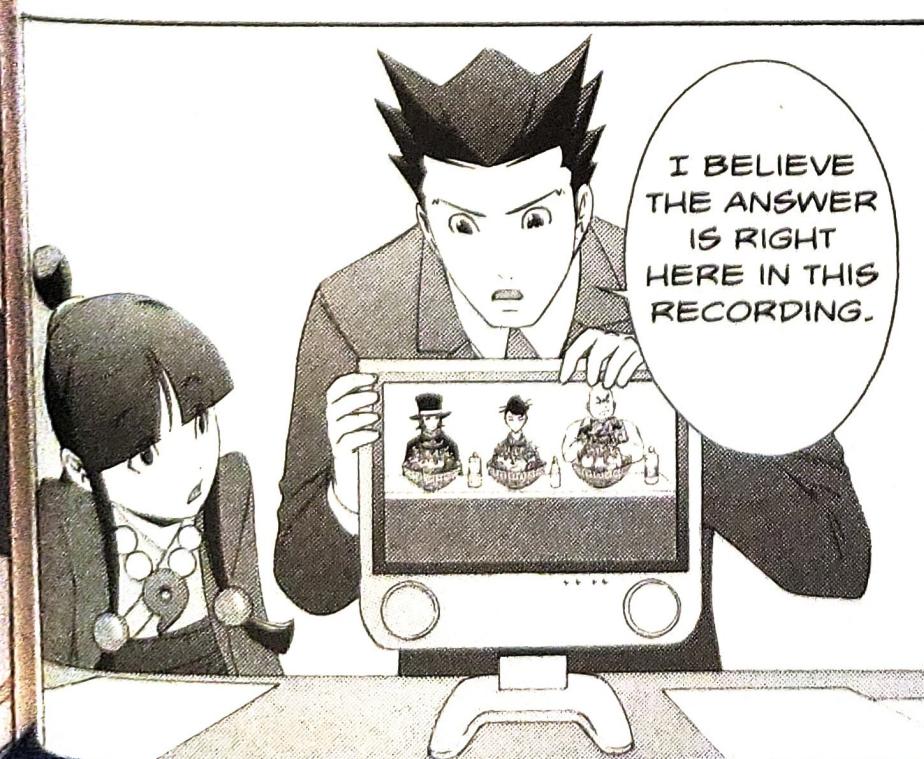
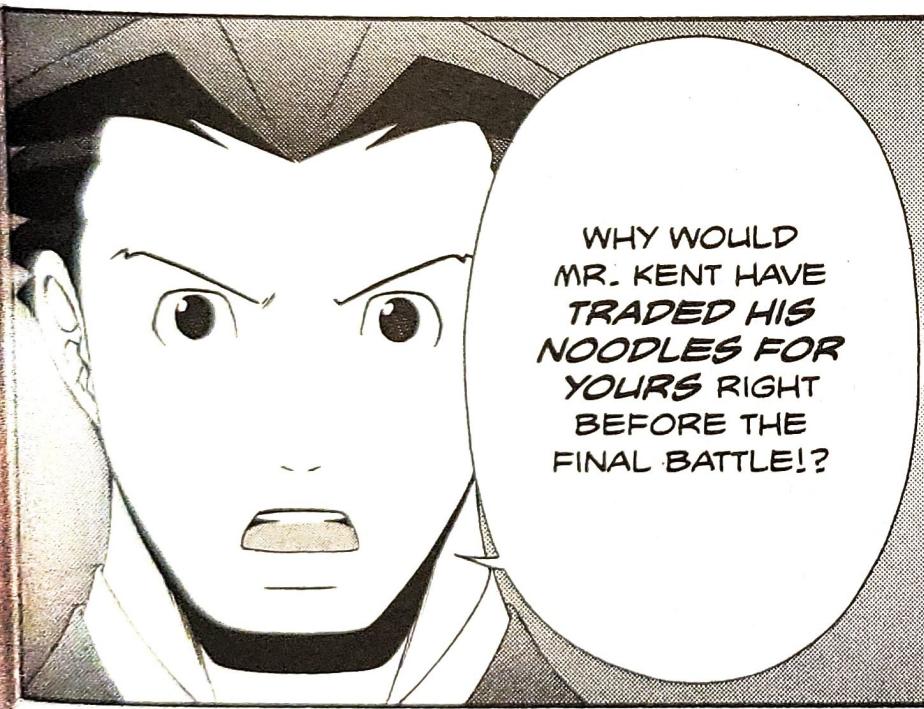
objection!

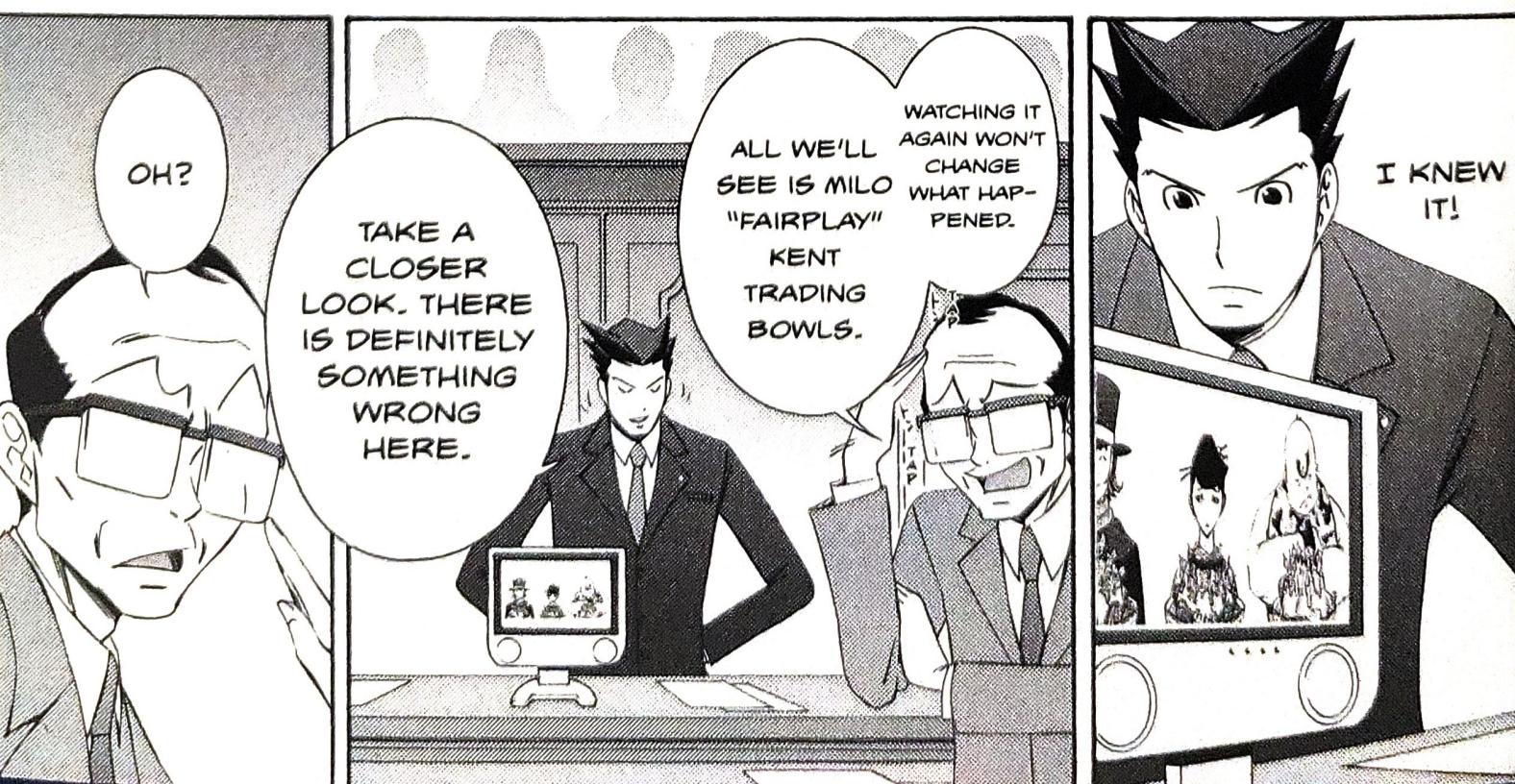
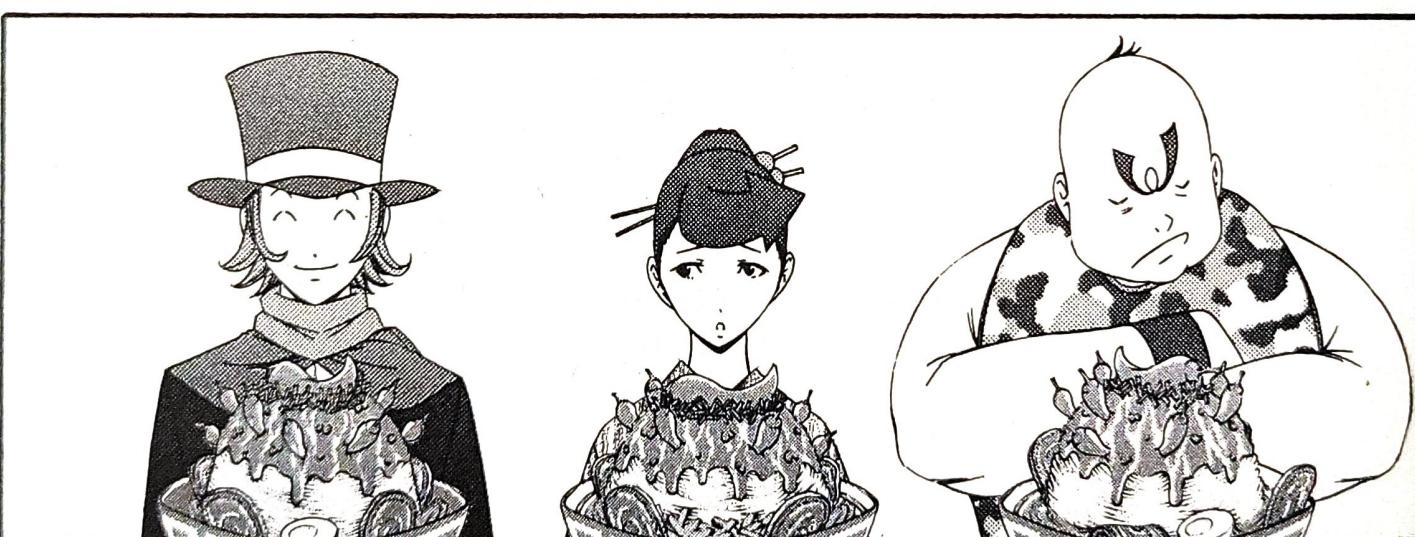
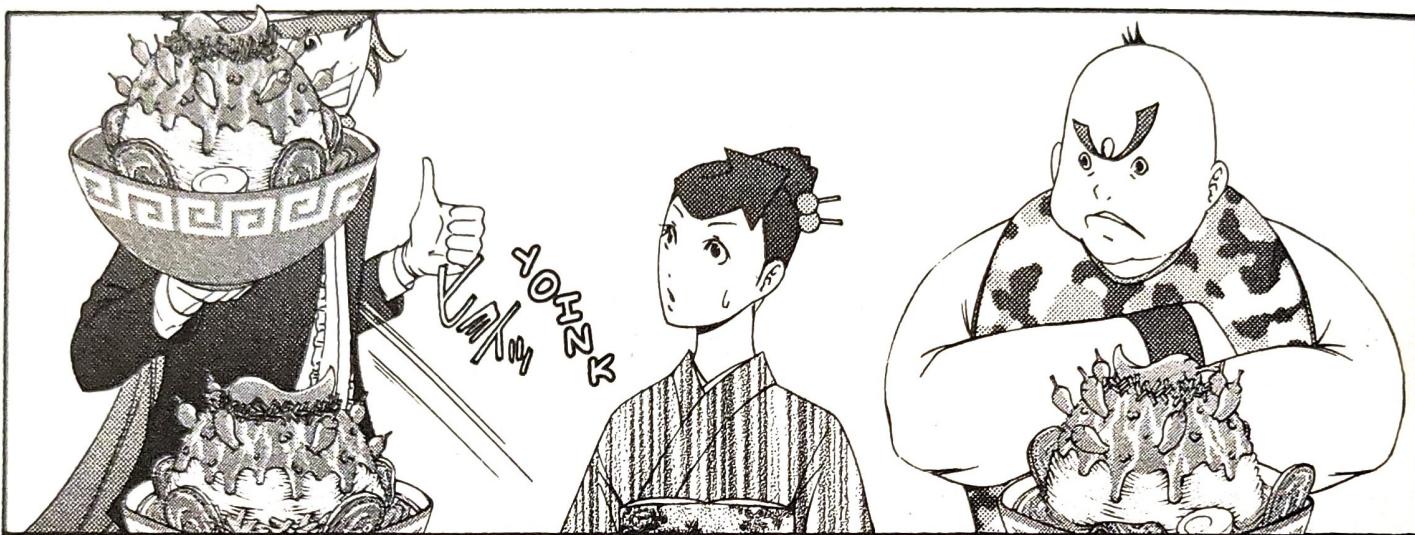
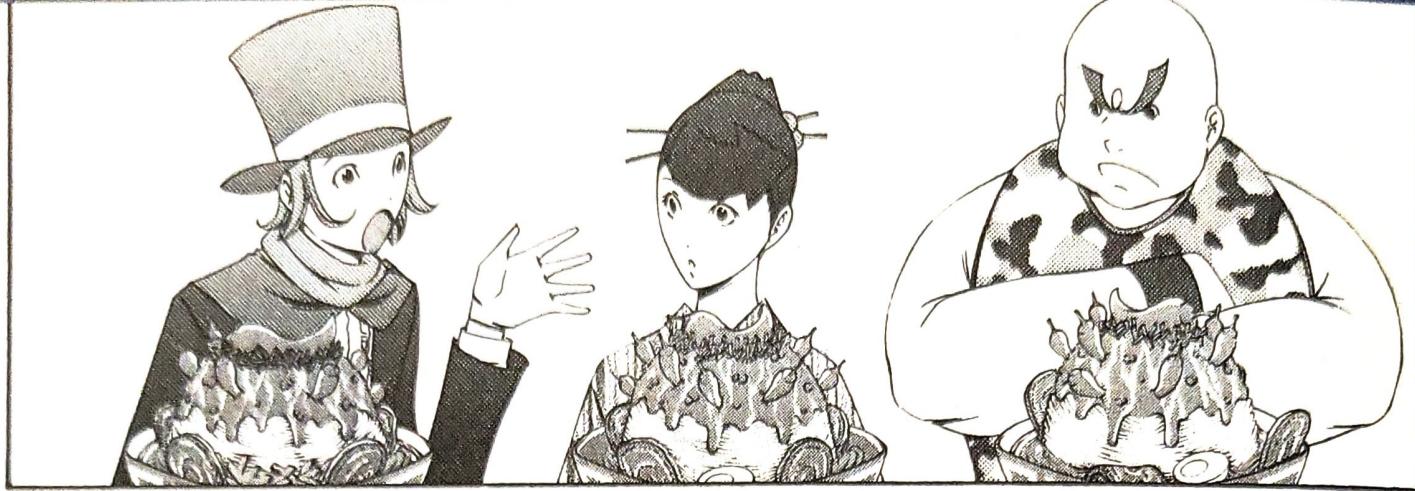


YOU
DIDN'T
JUST
SEND
THE
THREAT.



DISTRICT COURT
COURTROOM NO.3:
VERDICT





WITH
EXTRA
BROTH!!

MR. KENT'S
BOWL OF
NOODLES
IS THE
ONLY ONE

BUT THE
LINE IN
FAIRPLAY'S
BOWL IS
HIDDEN.
THERE IS
CLEARLY
MORE
BROTH.

THE
OTHER
FIGHTERS'
BROTH
STAYS
UNDER
THE LINE
INSIDE
THE
BOWL!

THE CREW IS
SURE TO HAVE
BEEN PAYING
CAREFUL
ATTENTION
TO MAKE
SURE EACH
COMPETITOR GOT
THE EXACT SAME
AMOUNT OF
FOOD!!

THIS WAS
A VERY
IMPORTANT
BATTLE TO
DETERMINE
THE KING OF
GORMANDS!



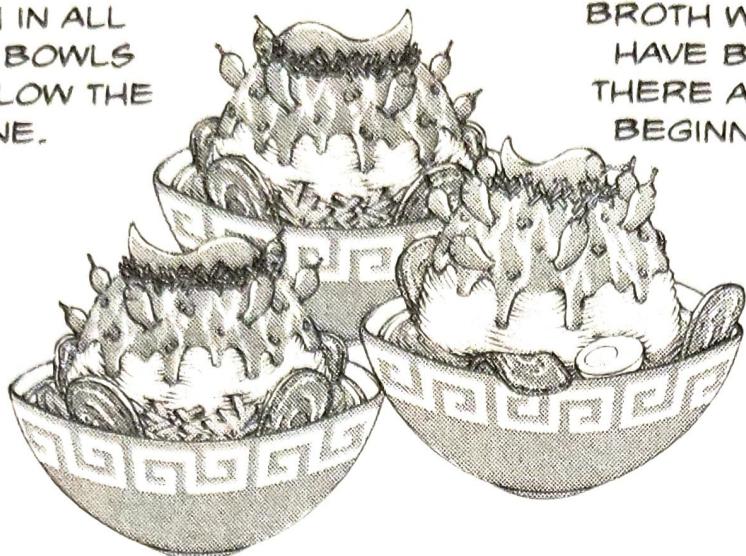
MR. ELDON
MOST LIKELY
GOT THE
AMOUNT
WRONG.

AND HOW
IS THAT
RELEVANT?



IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF, UP UNTIL THE START OF THE BATTLE, THE BROTH IN ALL THREE BOWLS WAS BELOW THE LINE.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN BROTH WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE AT THE BEGINNING.



THEN DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE THAT JUST ONE OF THE BOWLS

WOULD HAVE SUCH AN OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE?

SHE DID SOMETHING TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BROTH.

THE BOWL WITH MORE BROTH WAS IN FRONT OF RISA UNTIL FAIRPLAY TRADED IT.

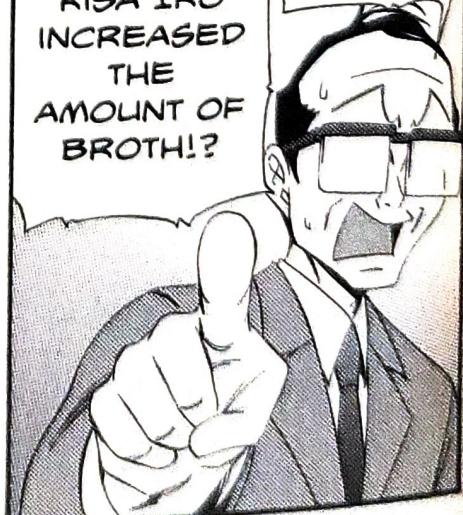


ALLOW ME TO PLAY BACK PARTS OF THE RECORDING.

HOW DID SHE GET MORE BROTH...? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY!

OBJEC-
TION!

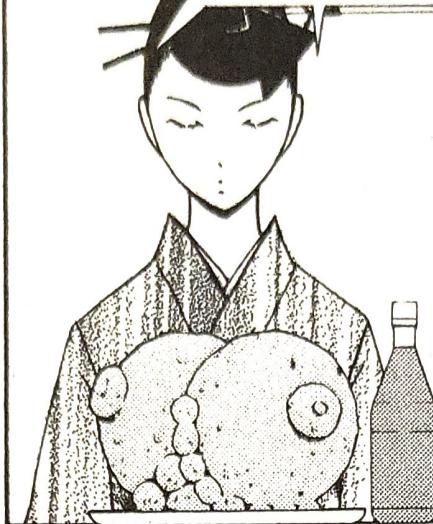
DO YOU HAVE PROOF THAT RISA IKO INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF BROTH!?



FOR OUR FIRST ROUND, TRÈS BIEN'S CHEF'S SPECIAL--

FOR OUR SECOND ROUND, KALLA MARY'S FAMOUS OCTO-PLUS-SHAPED OCTOPUS DUMPLINGS!!

FOR ROUND THREE, WE HAVE A SHOWDOWN OVER A MOUNTAIN OF RICE!!



!?

WHA-
-!?

I KNOW
HOW SHE
ADDED
MORE
BROTH TO
THE BOWL.

AHA...

?

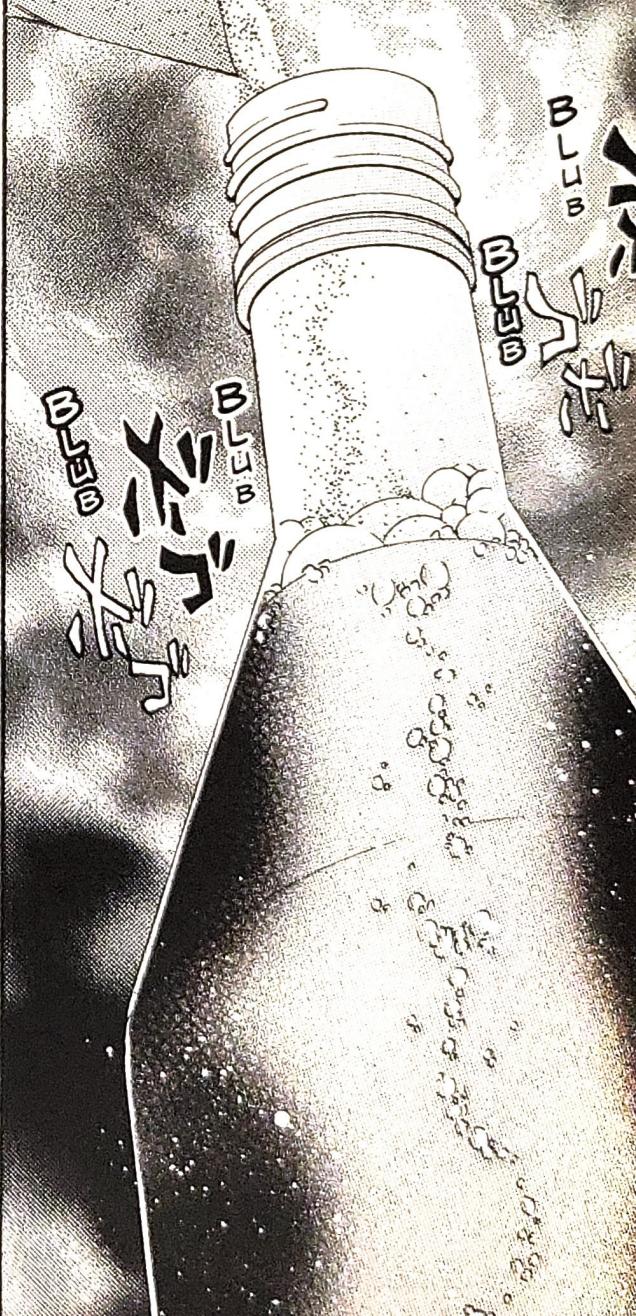
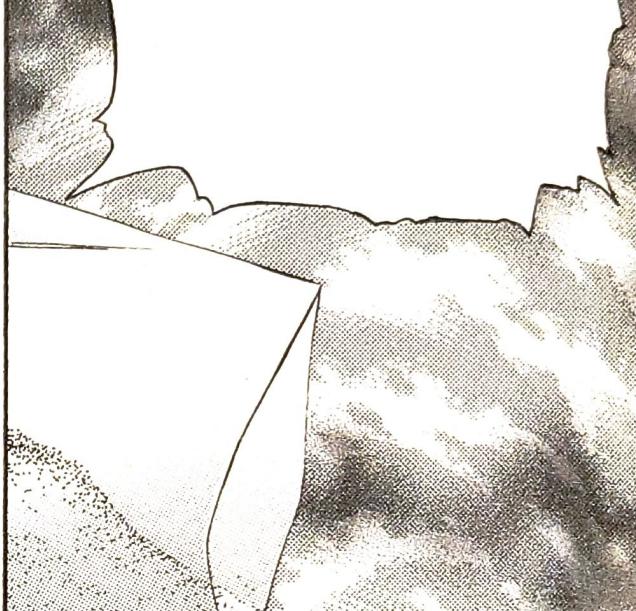
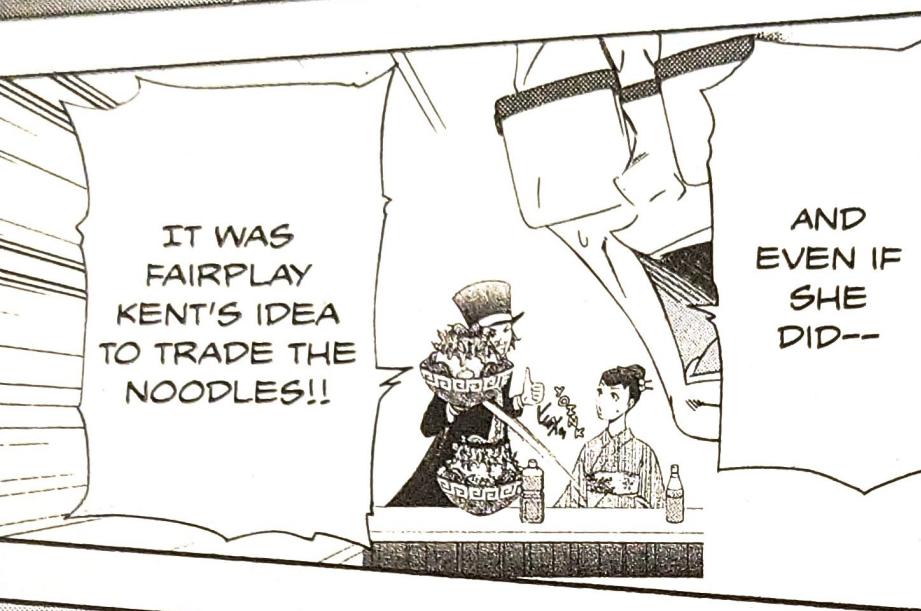
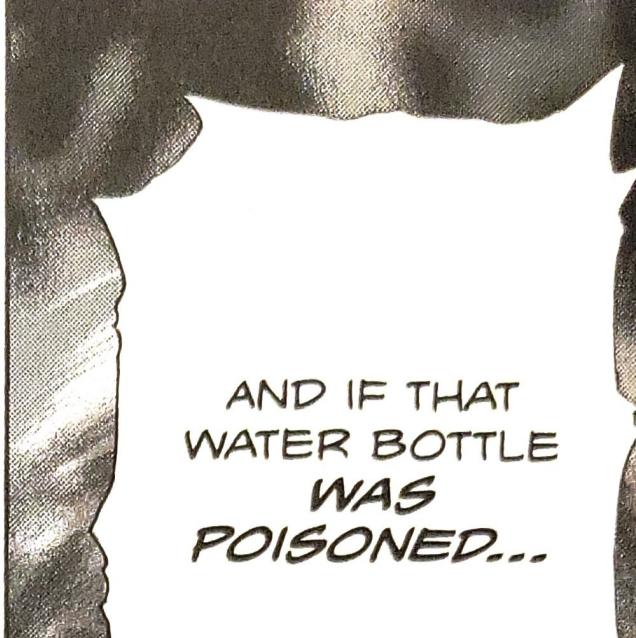
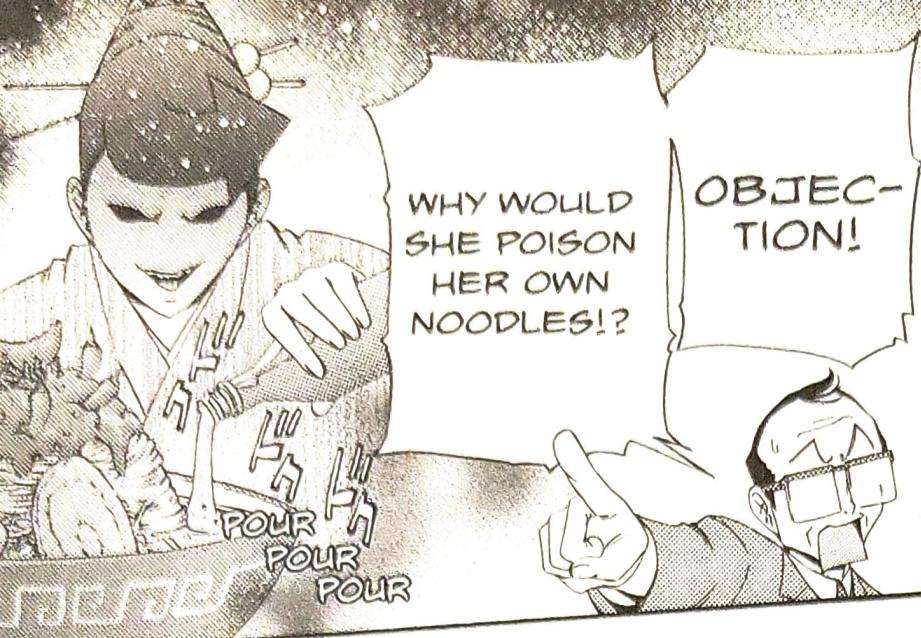
YOU Poured THE
WATER FROM
YOUR BOTTLE
INTO YOUR BOWL,
DIDN'T YOU?

ROUND ONE ROUND TWO ROUND THREE

FINAL BATTLE

DURING THE
FIRST THREE
ROUNDS,
RISA'S WATER
BOTTLE WAS
COMPLETELY
FULL.

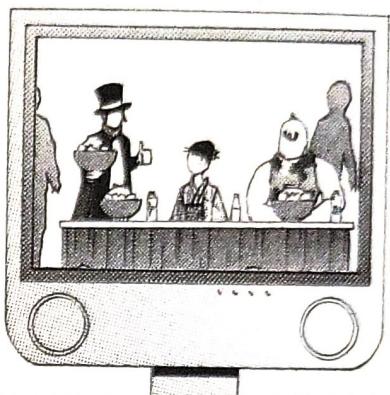
But AT THE START
OF THE FINAL
BATTLE, WE SEE
THAT IT'S HALF
EMPTY!!

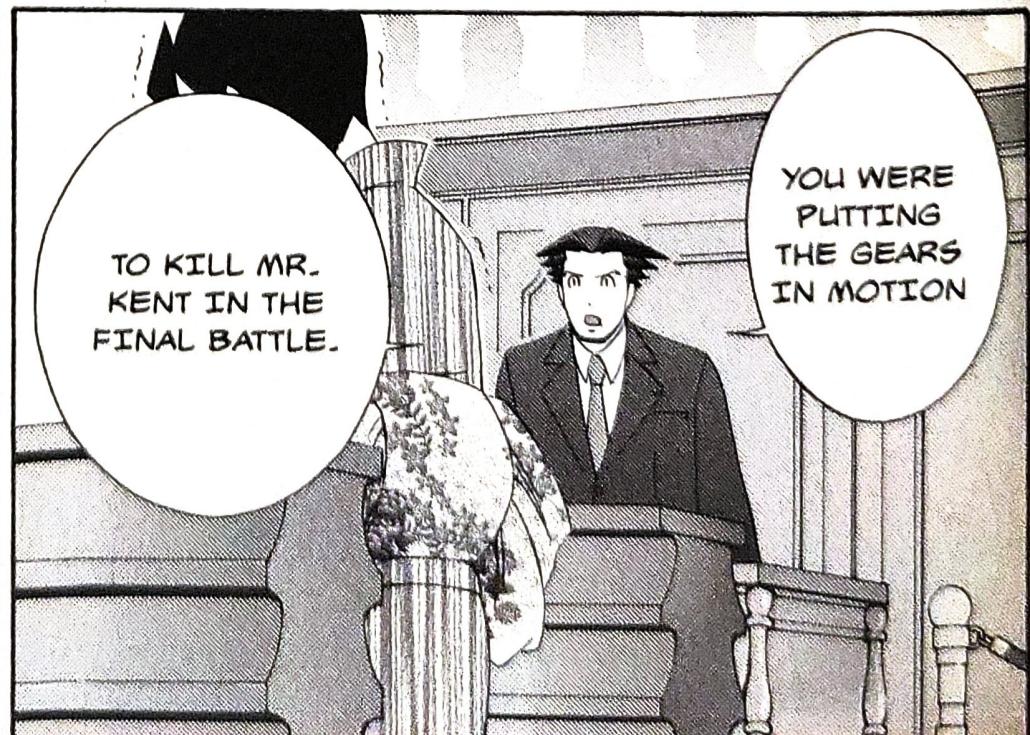
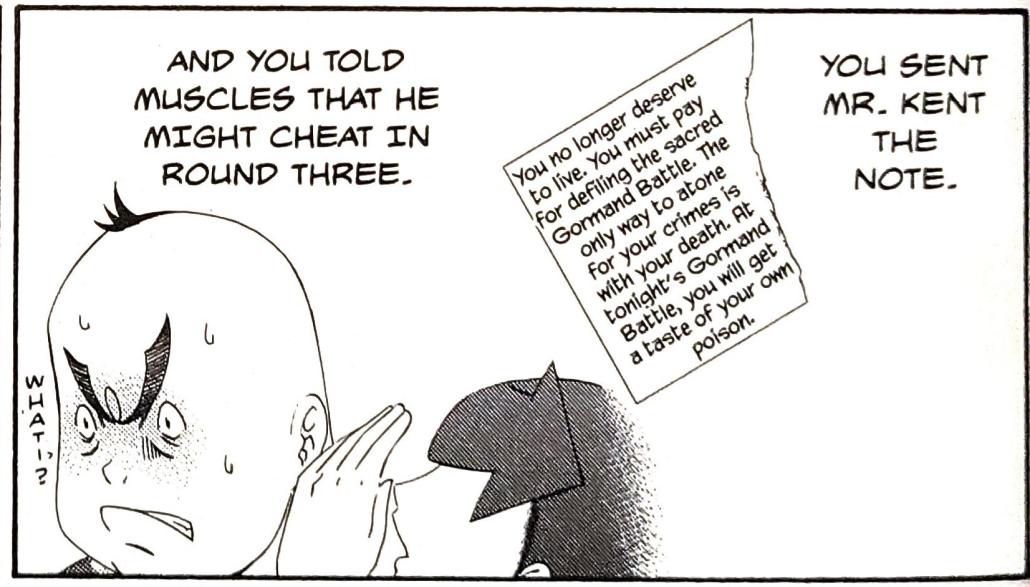
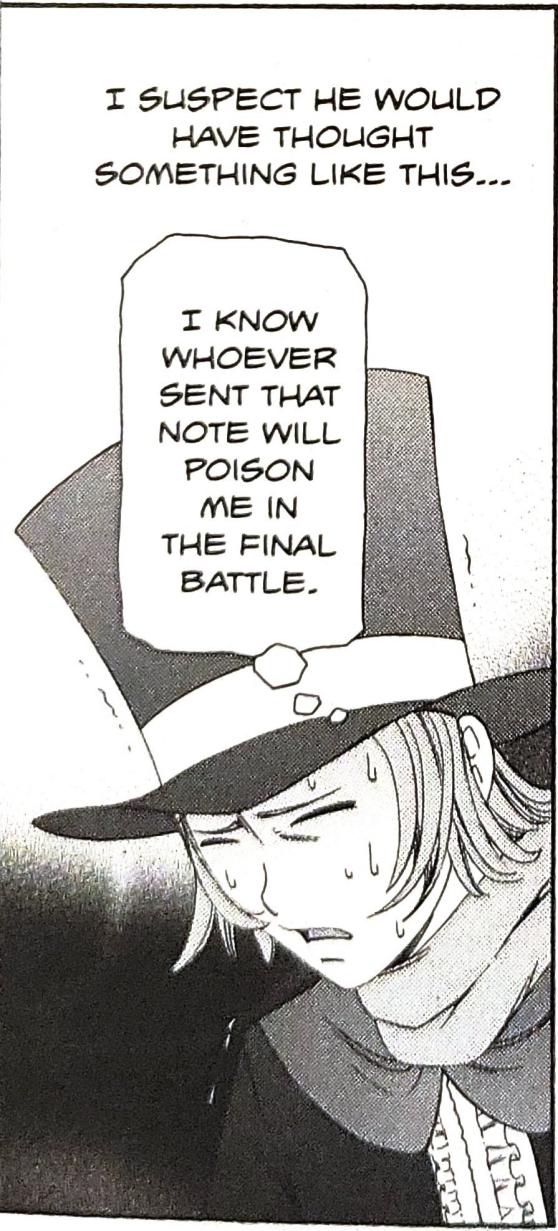
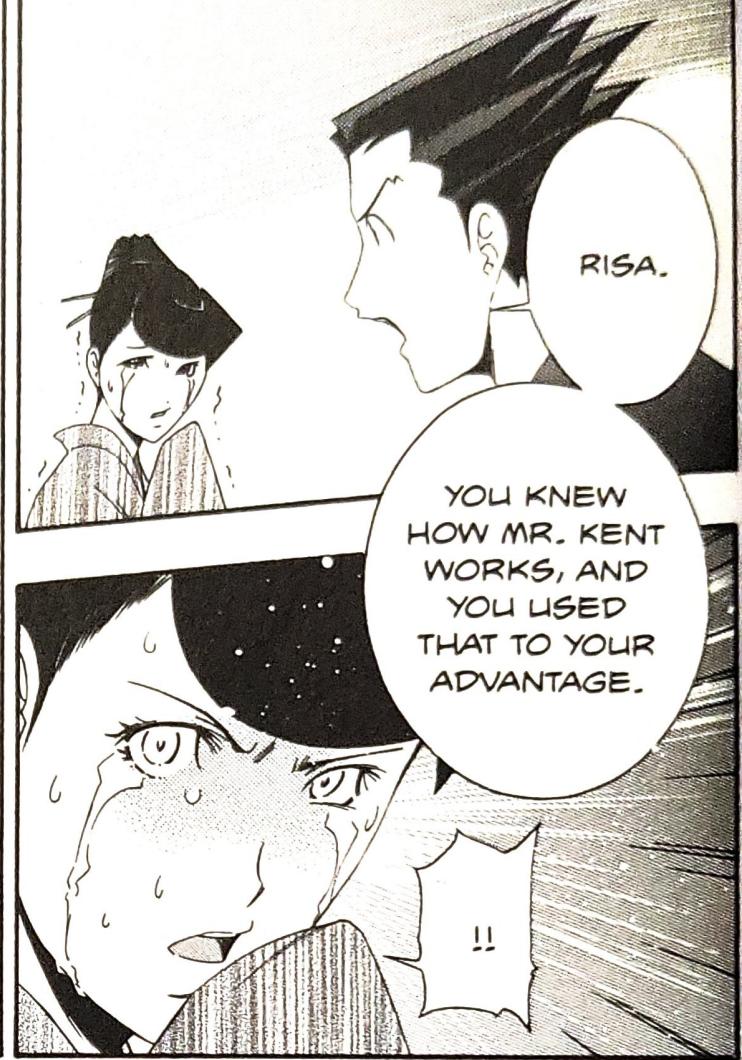
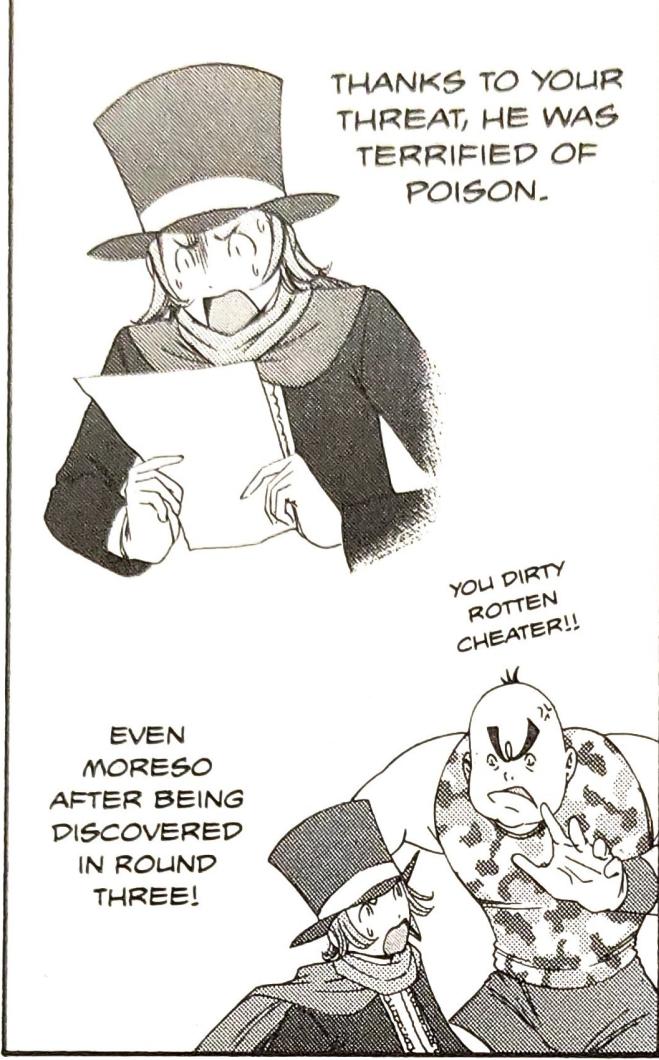




UNFORTUNATELY, THE
RECORDING DOESN'T
TELL US WHAT THEY
WERE TALKING ABOUT.

BUT IN THE
MEMORIAL SHOW,
THE OTHER CAST
MEMBERS SAID...



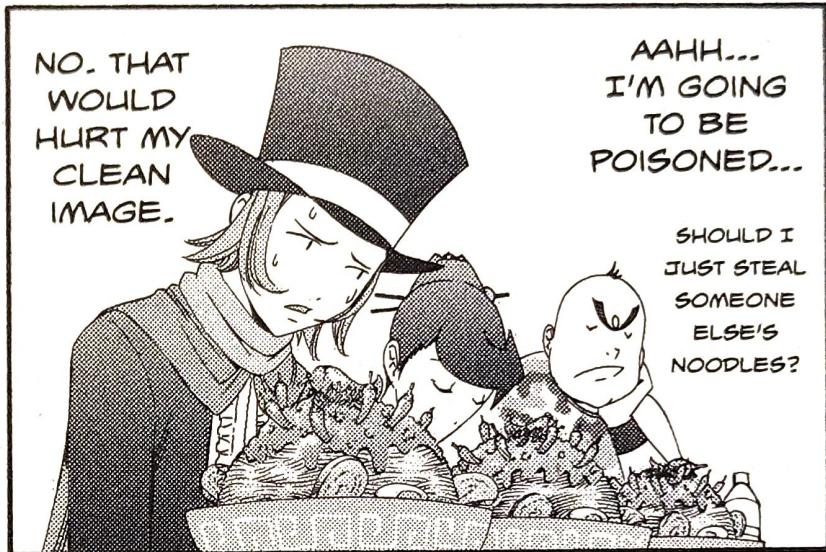


AFTER ALL HIS AGONIZING,

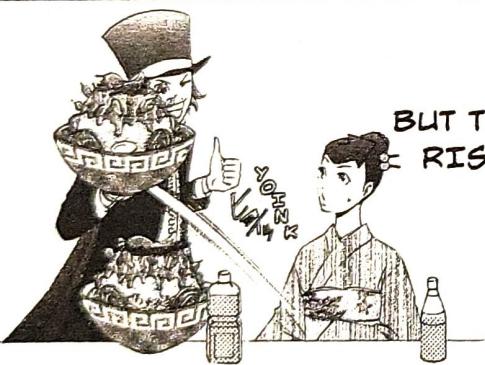
HE NOTICED THAT RISA'S NOODLES HAD QUITE A LOT OF BROTH.

IT'S TOO LATE TO RUN AWAY.

THE SHOW'S ALREADY GONE LIVE.

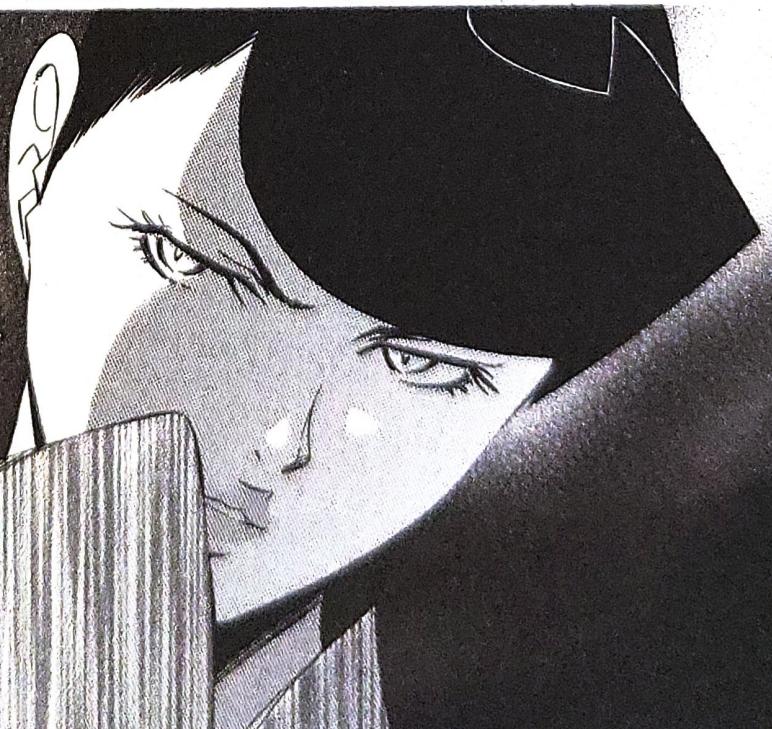


SHOULD I JUST STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S NOODLES?

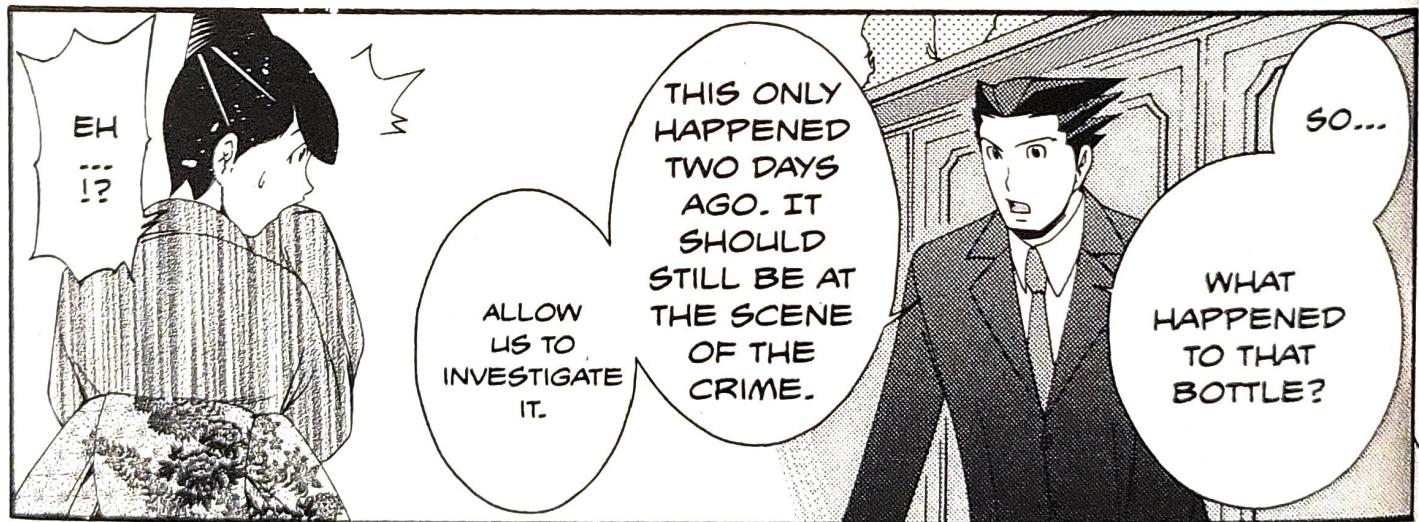
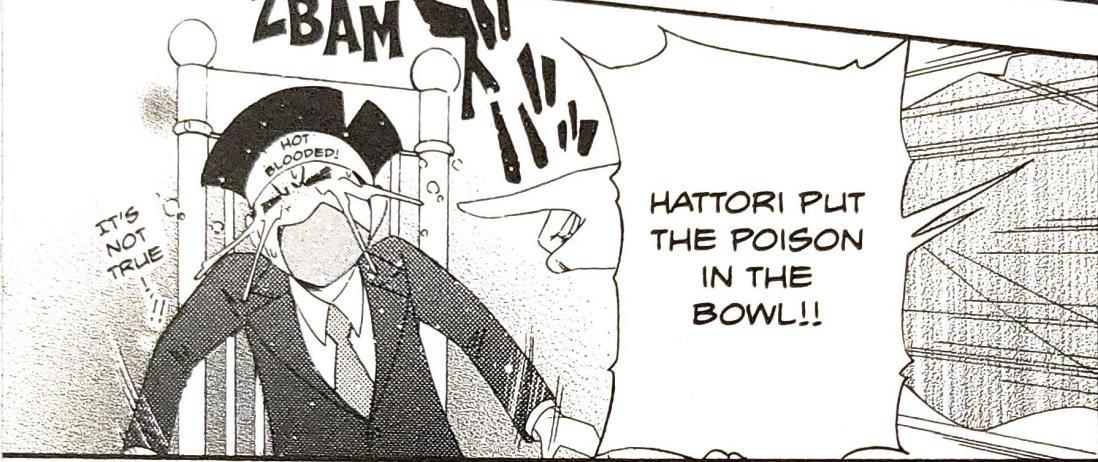


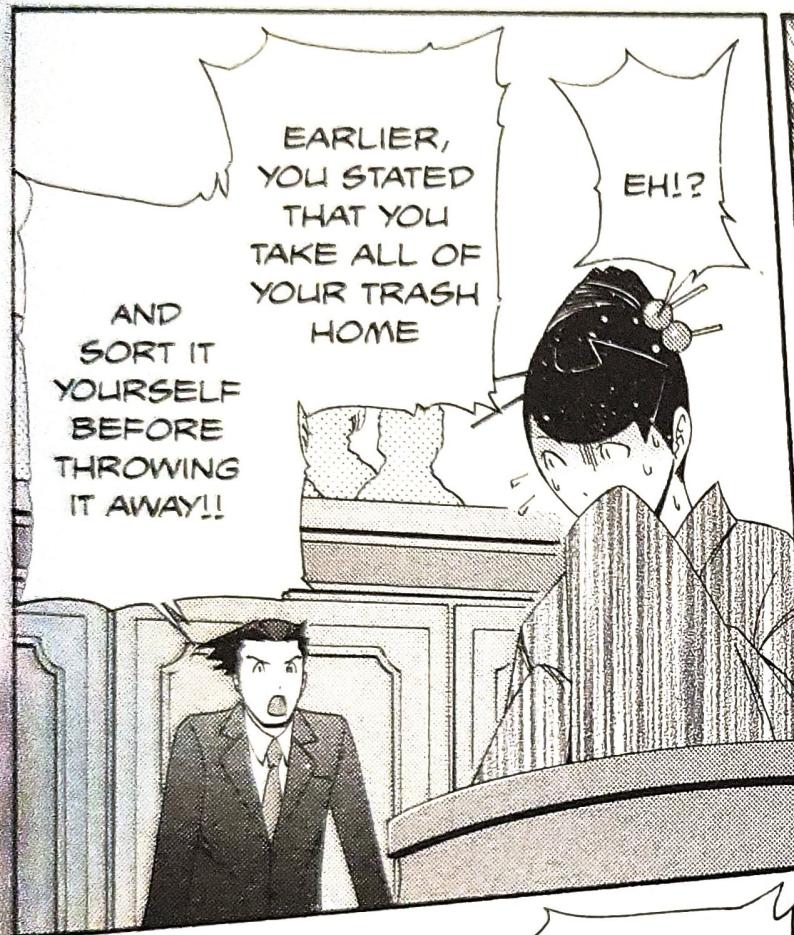
AND HAPPILY SUGGESTED A TRADE.

FAIRPLAY SAW HIS CHANCE



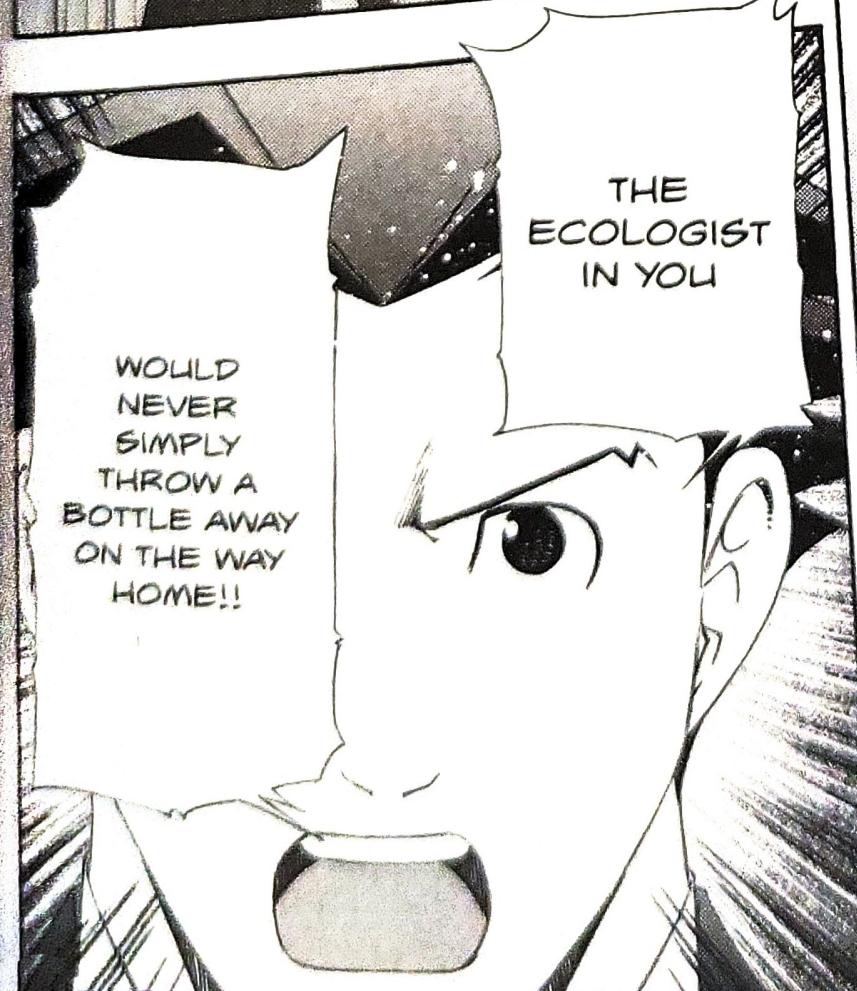
WAS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED!!

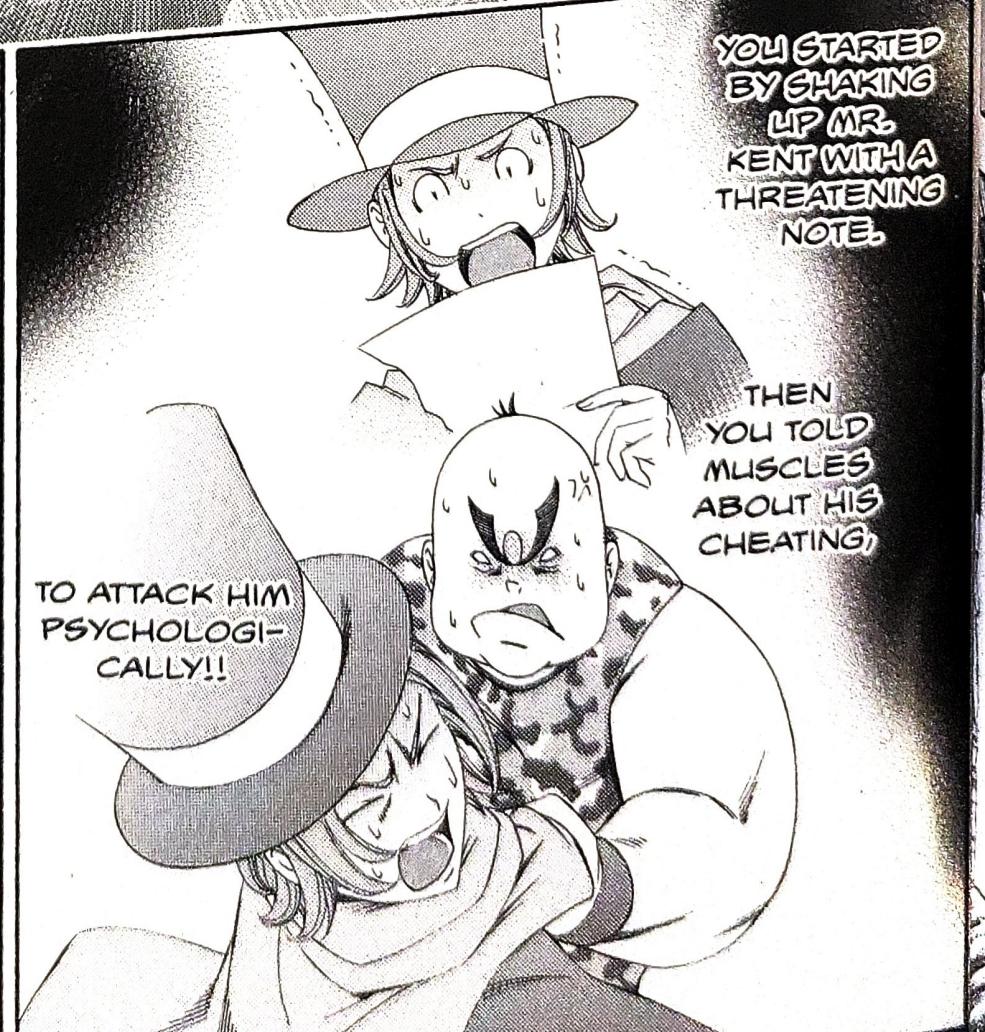
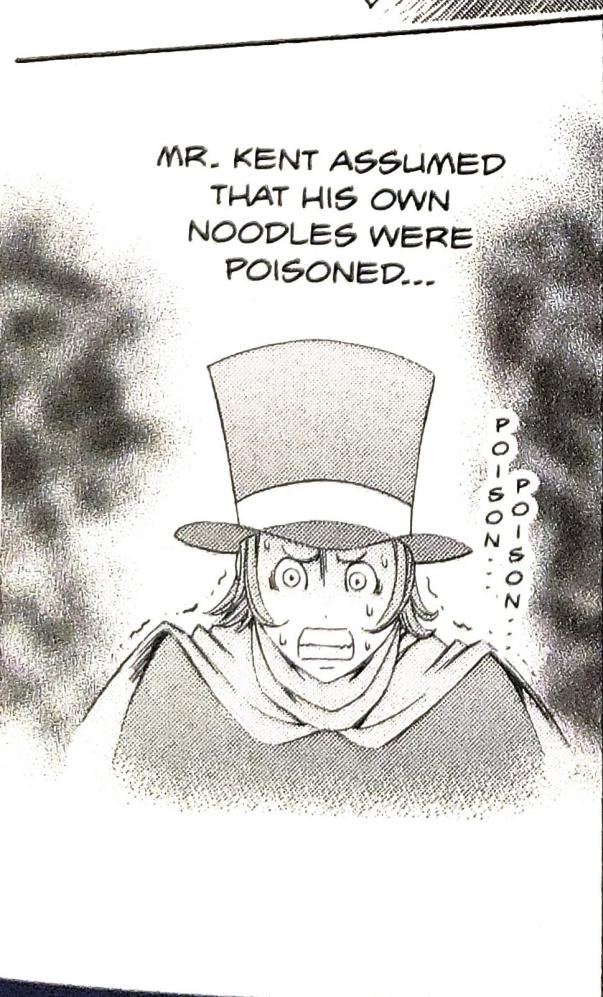
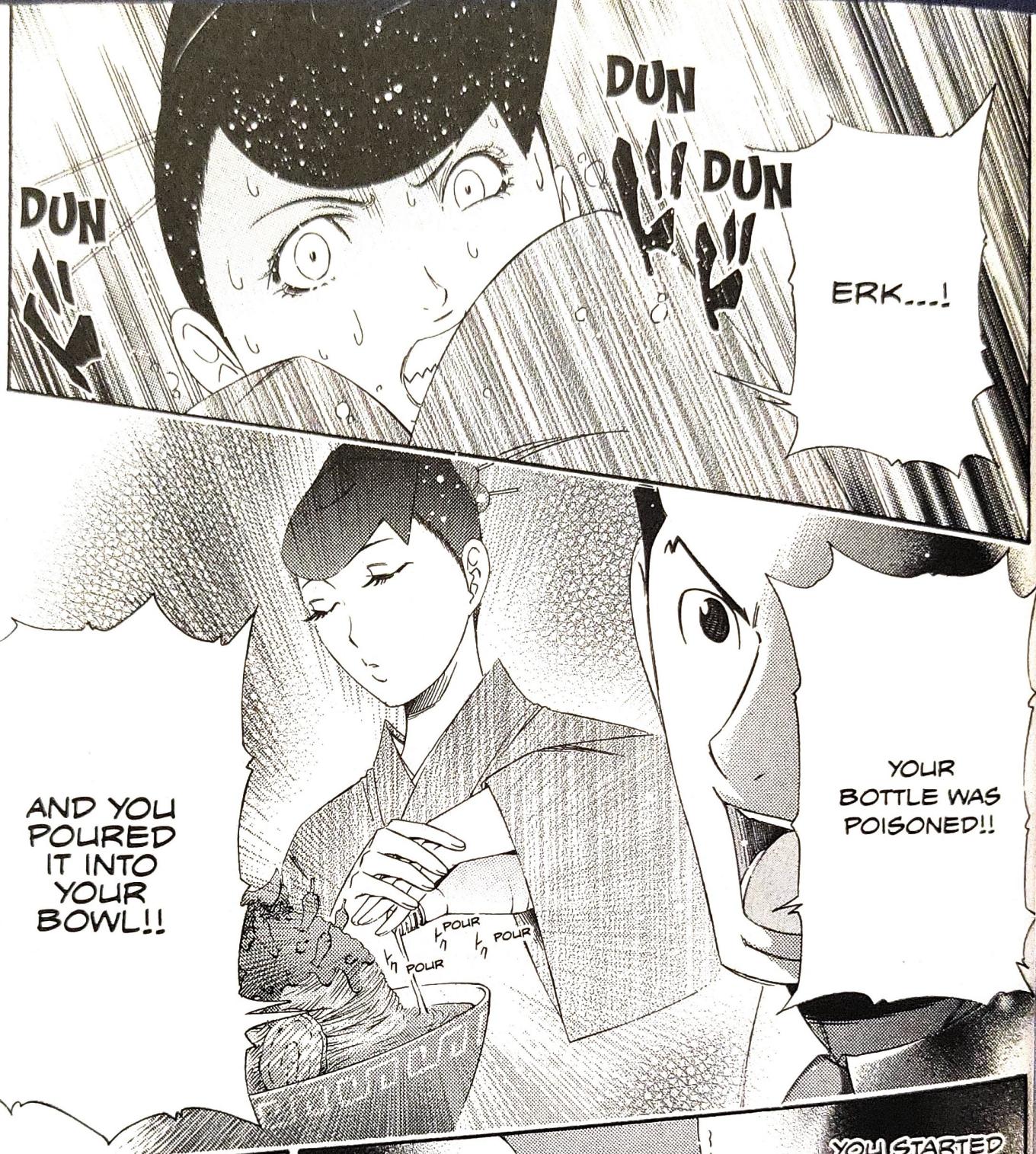




YOUR
TESTI-
MONY

HAS A
CONTRA-
DICTION!!







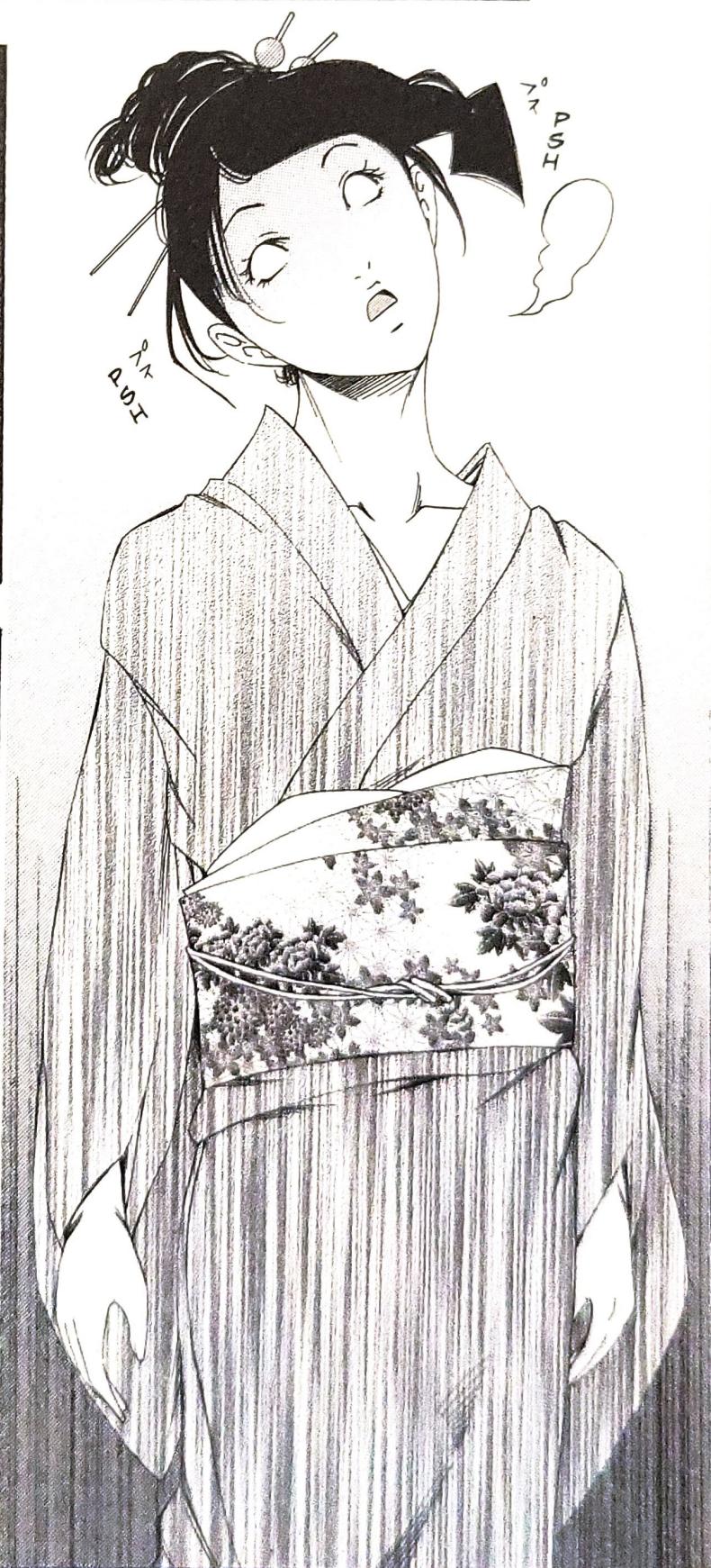
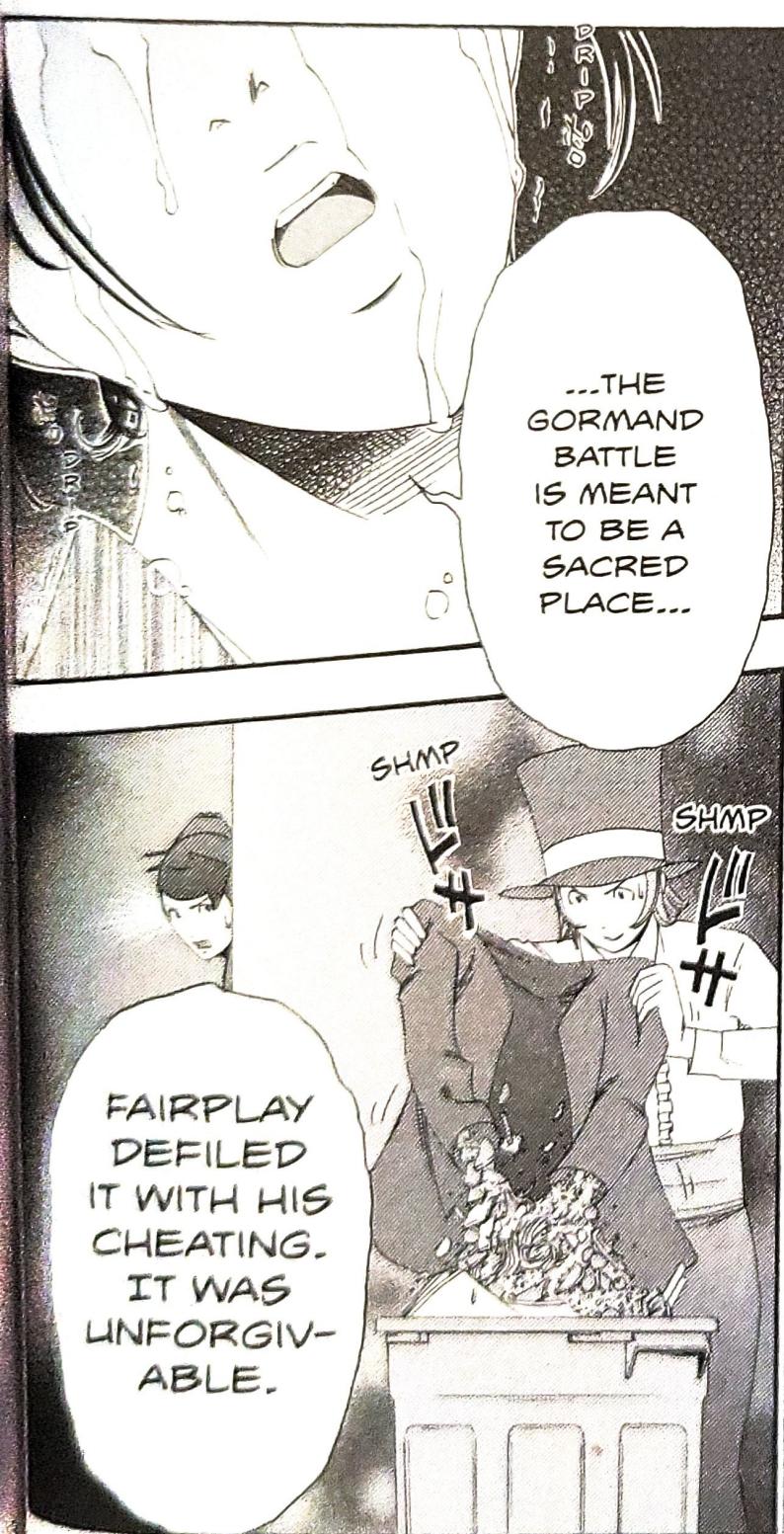
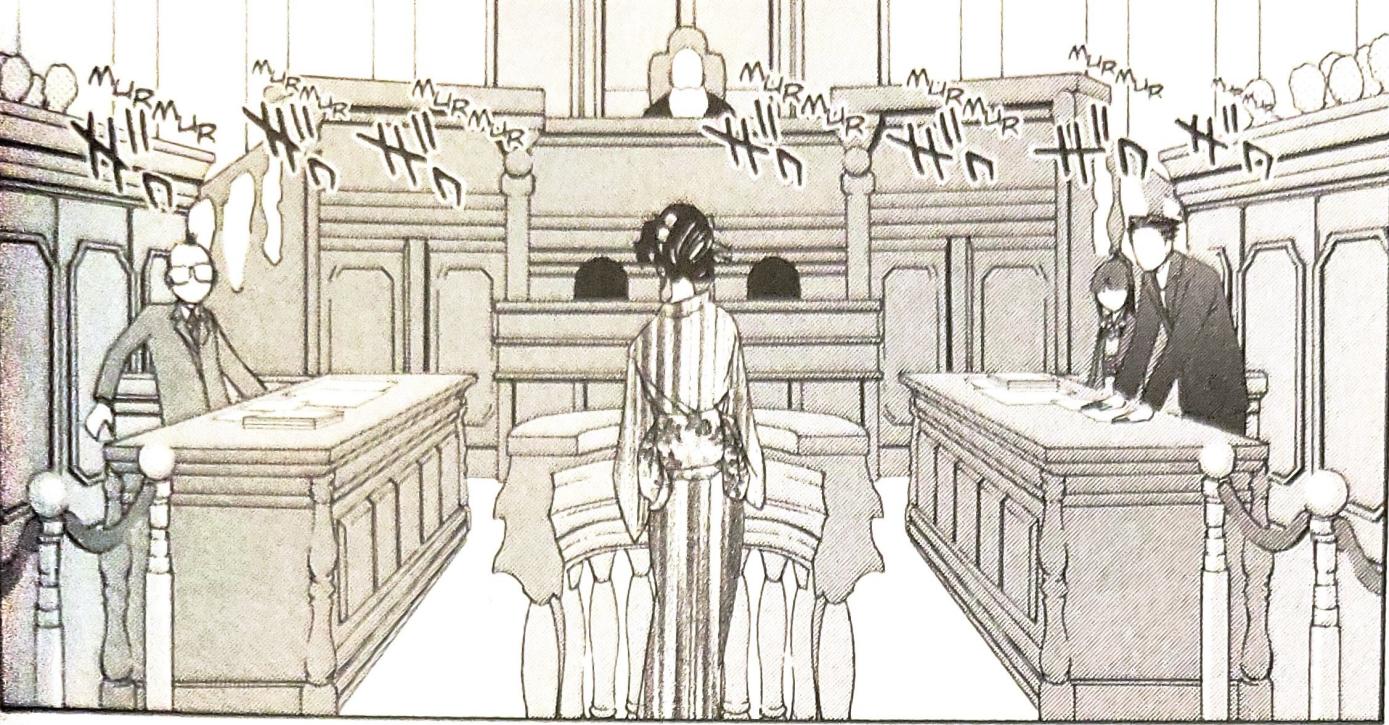
AND USED THE
DIFFERENCES
IN BROTH AS
AN EXCUSE TO
TRADE BOWLS
WITH YOU!!

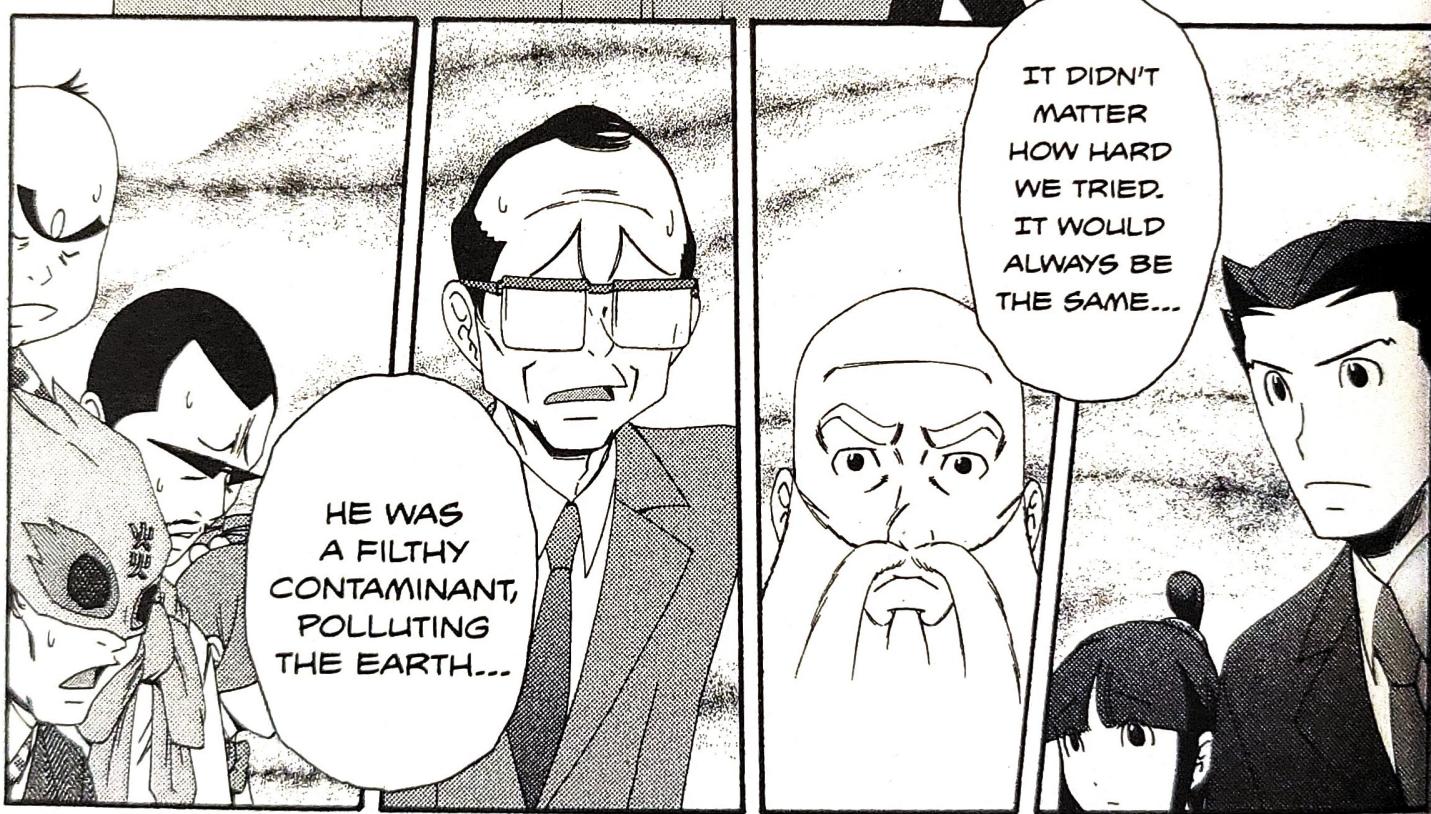


IT
ALL
WENT
ACCORDING
TO YOUR
PLAN

!!

SLAM





HOT BLOODED!

THAT'S WHY...

THE COURT
FINDS THE
DEFENDANT

KEVIN
HATTORI

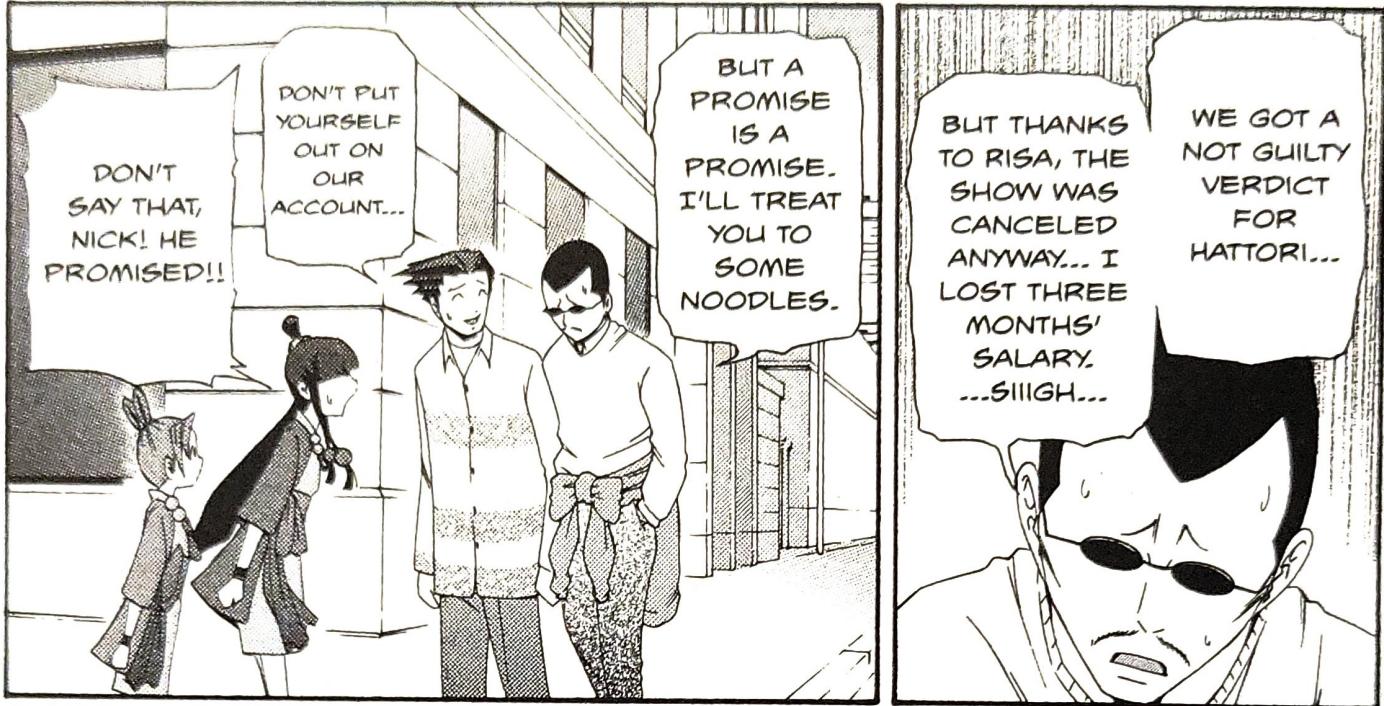
I SORTED
HIM WITH THE
TRASH.

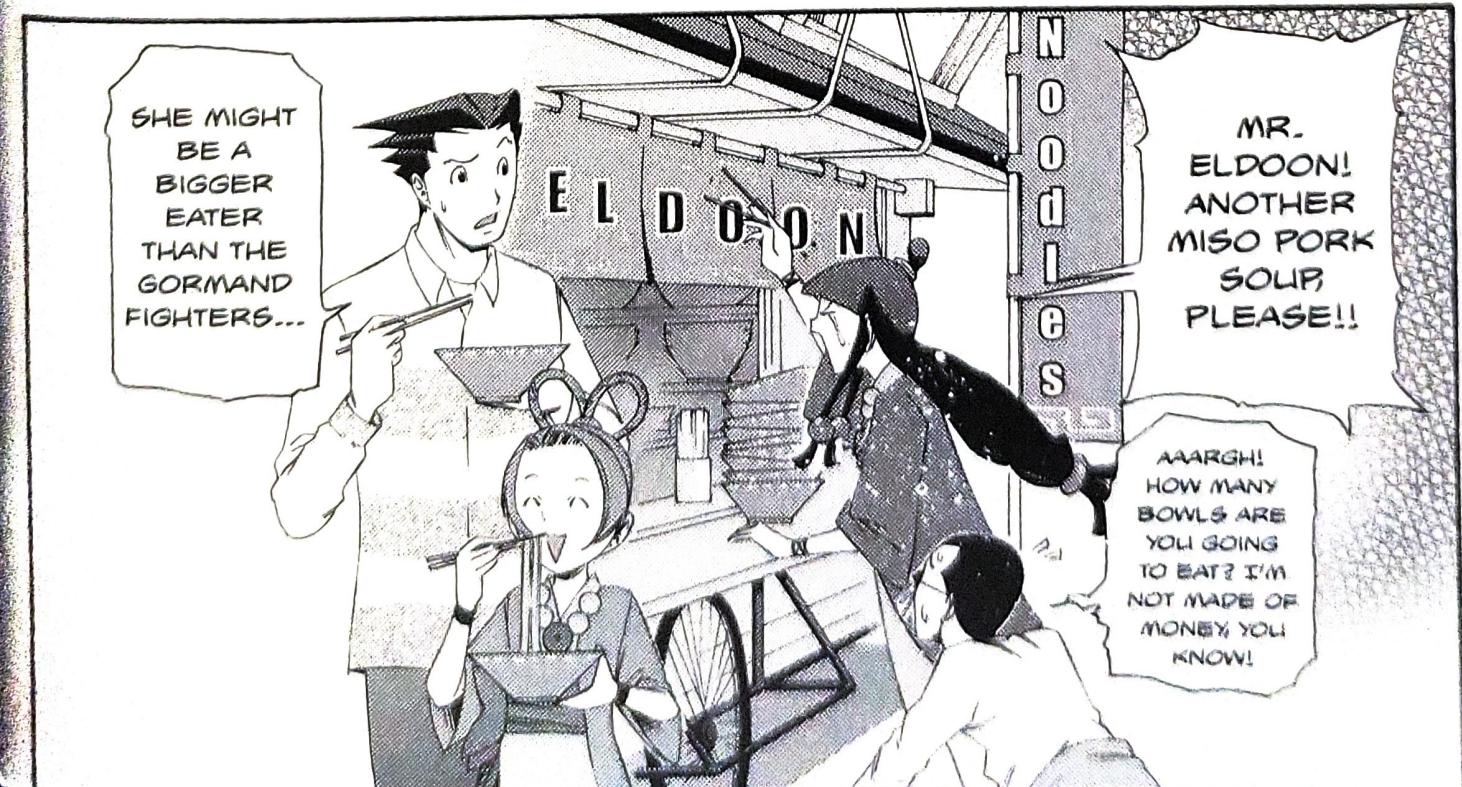
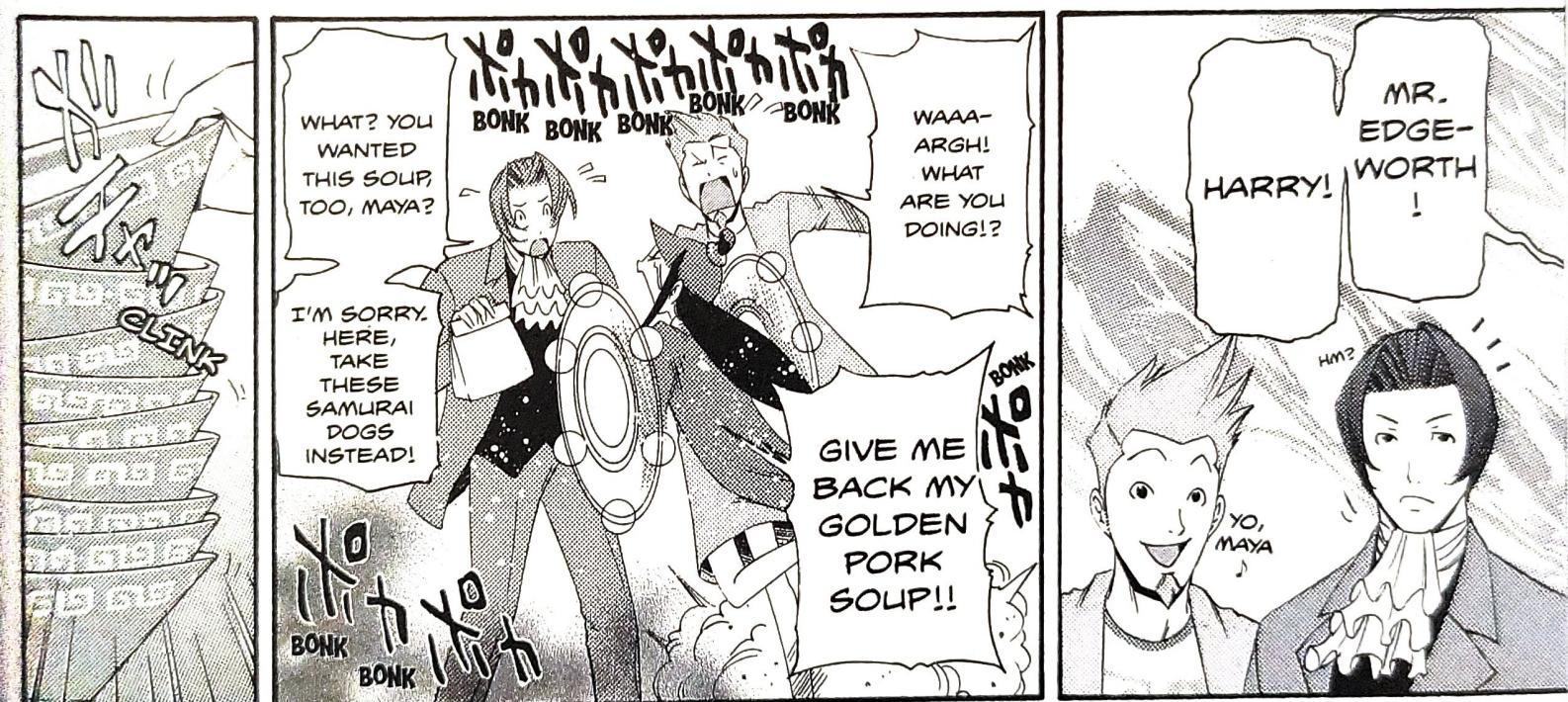
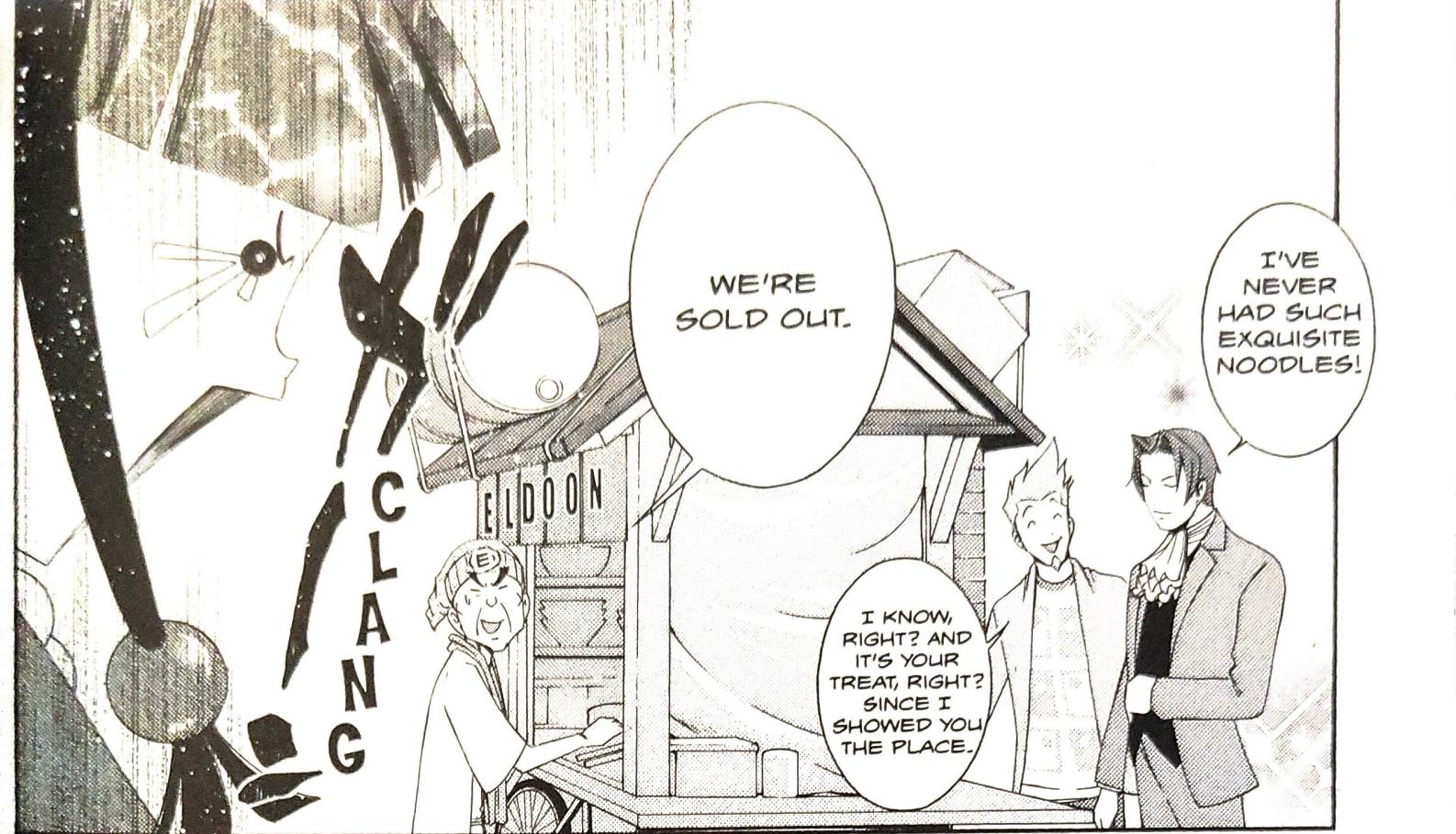
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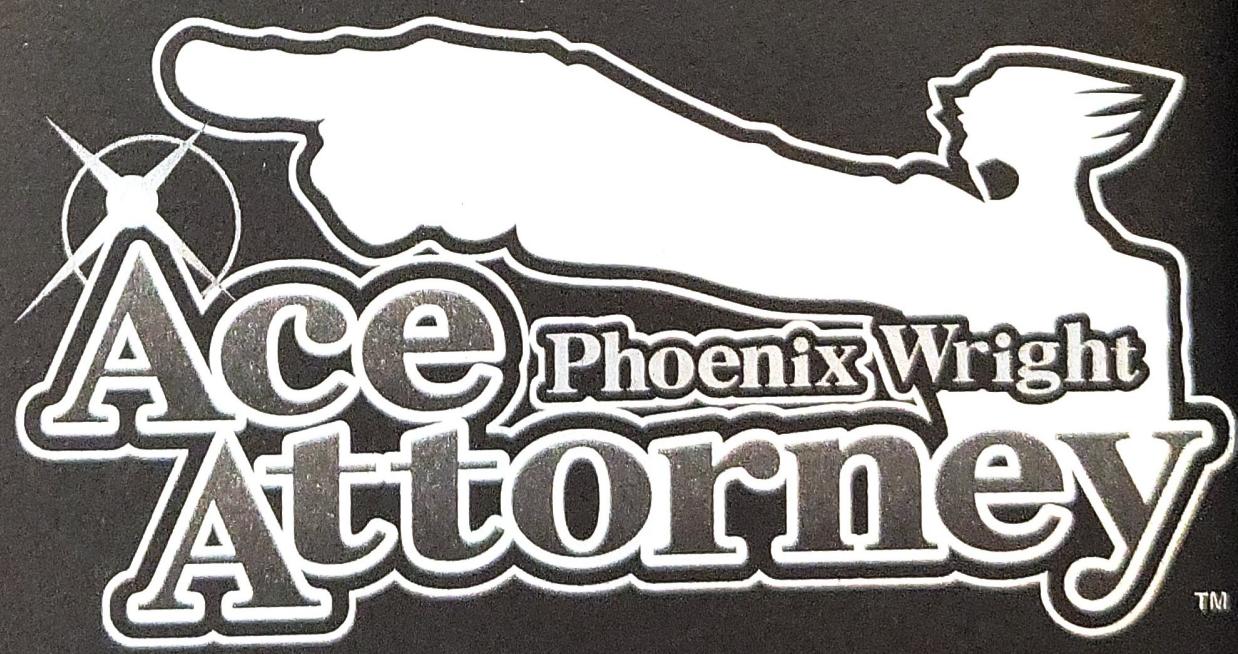
GUILTY

COURT
IS DIS-
MISSED.

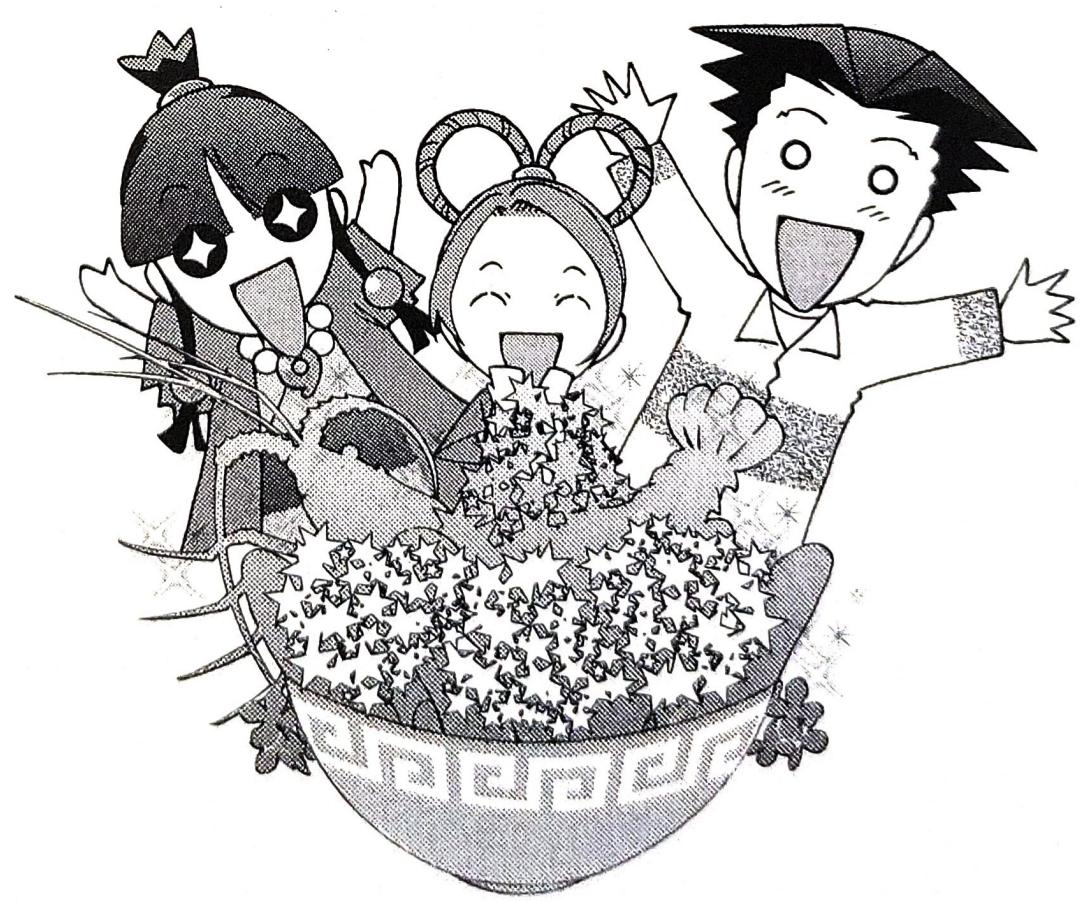
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CHAPTER 14

**TURNABOUT POWER VS. SUPERNATURAL POWER
(PART ONE)**

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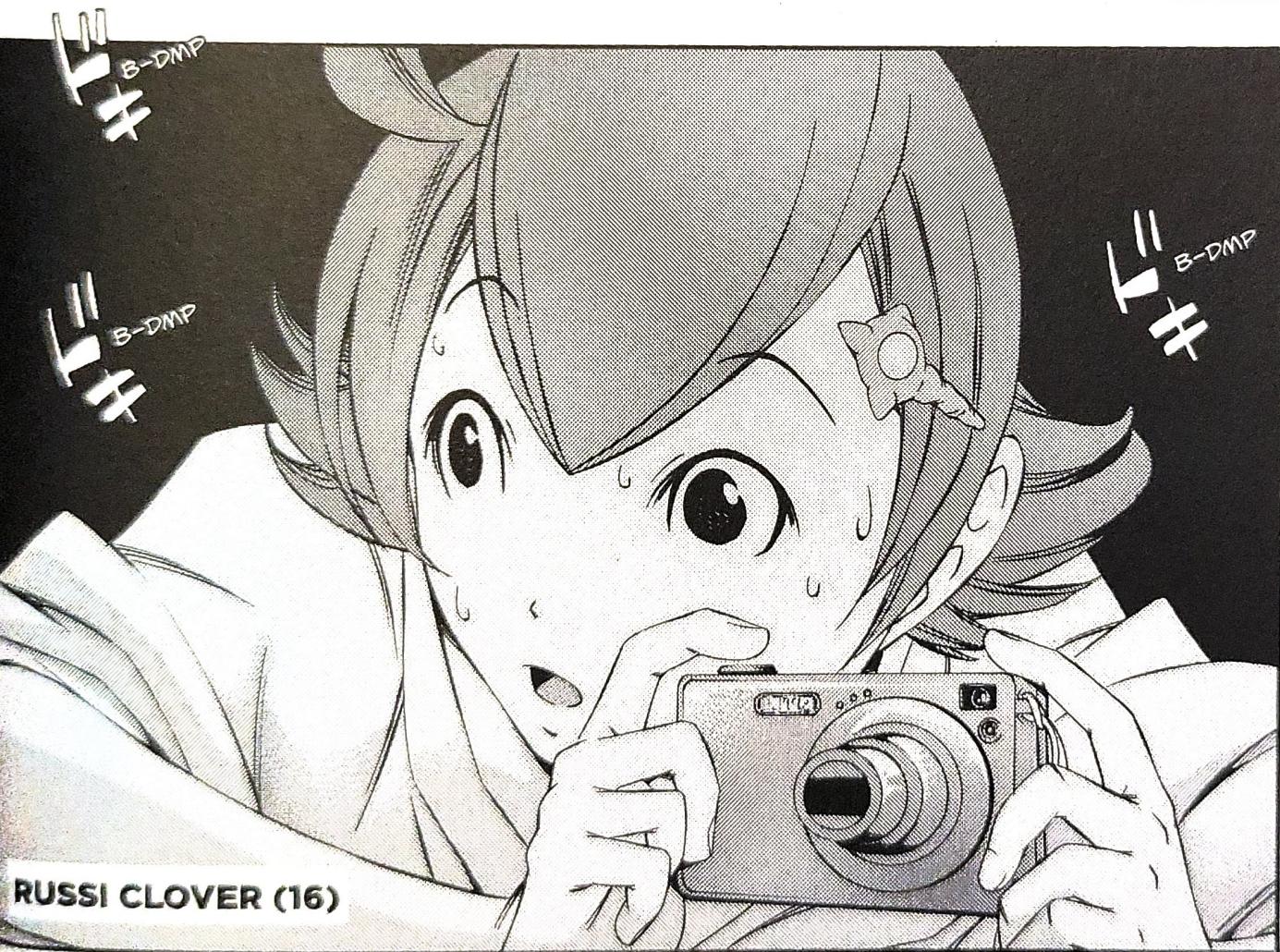
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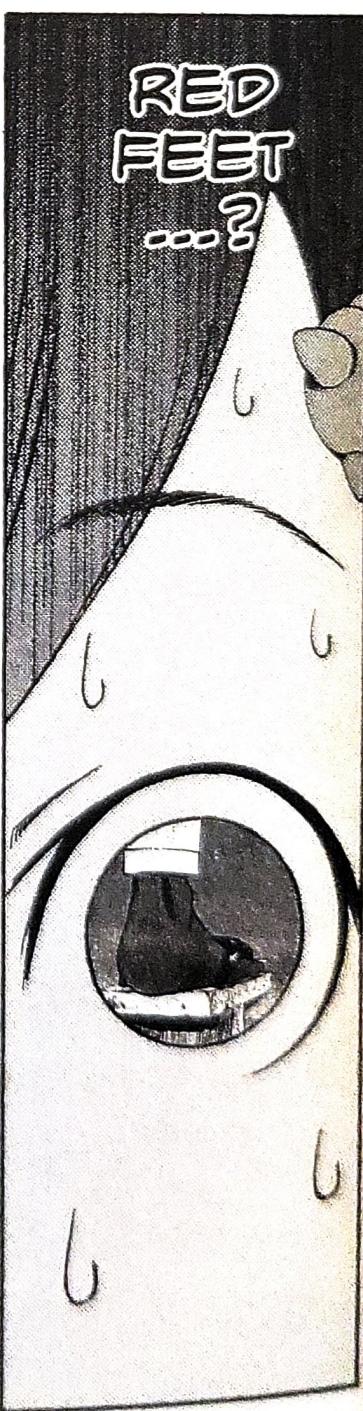
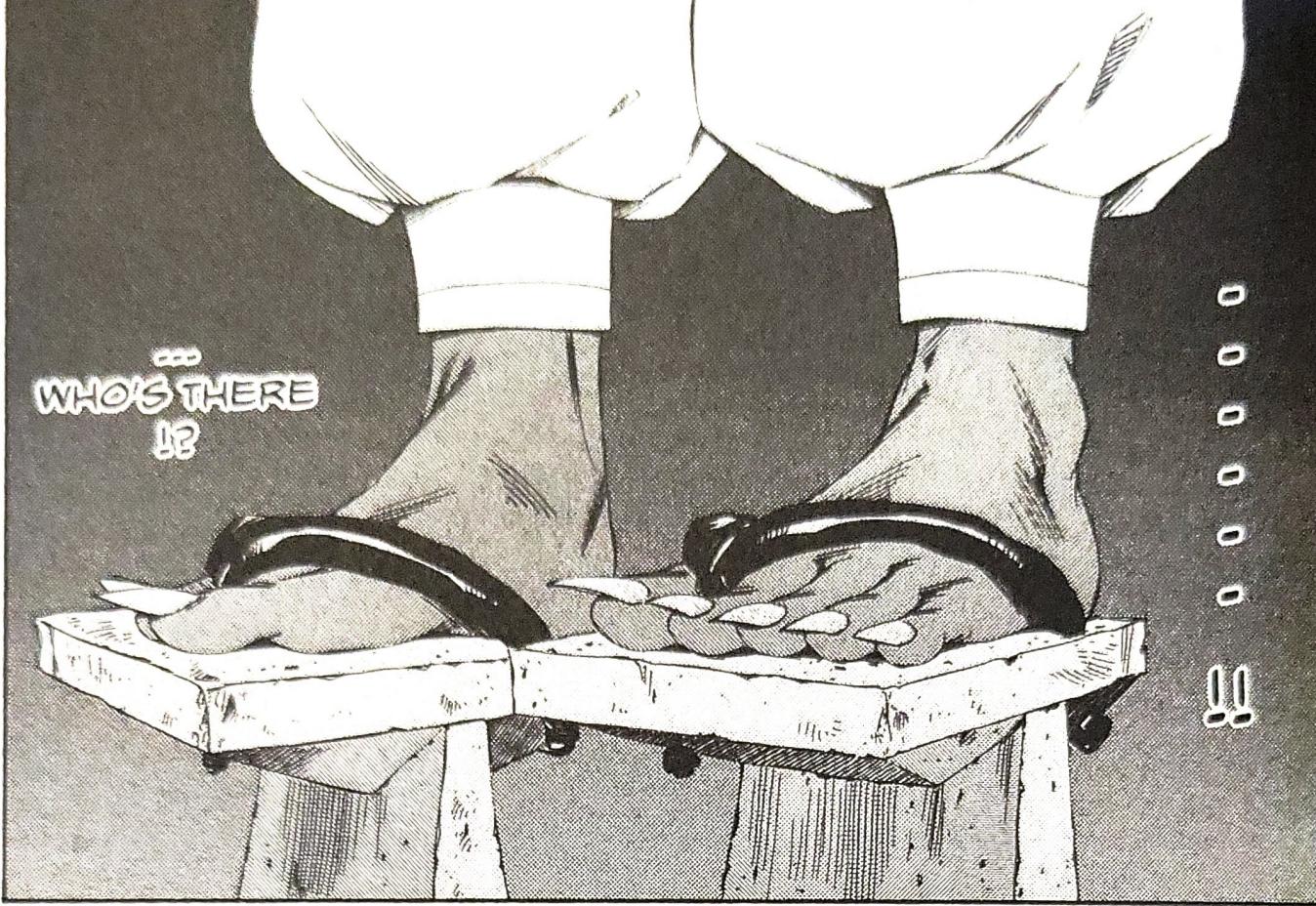


GULP



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GREAT LORD
TENGU!

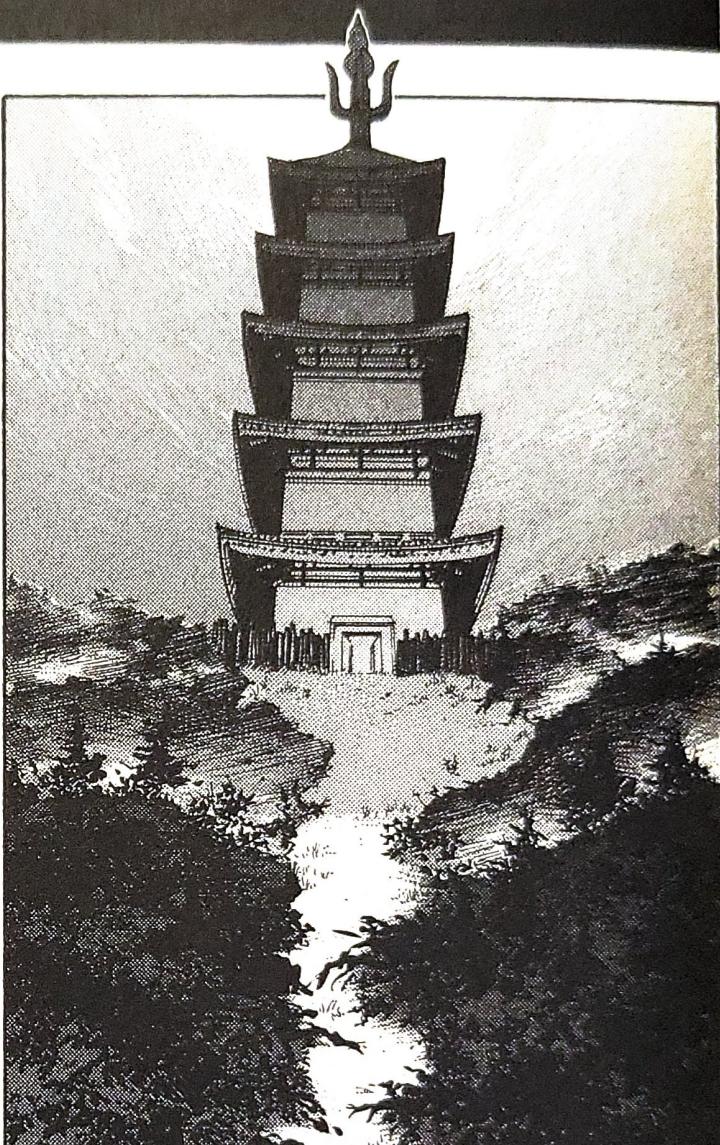
HE
REALLY
EXISTS!!

CLICK

CLICK

HE..HE
FLEW!!

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AT THE PEAK OF SHADOW MOUNTAIN



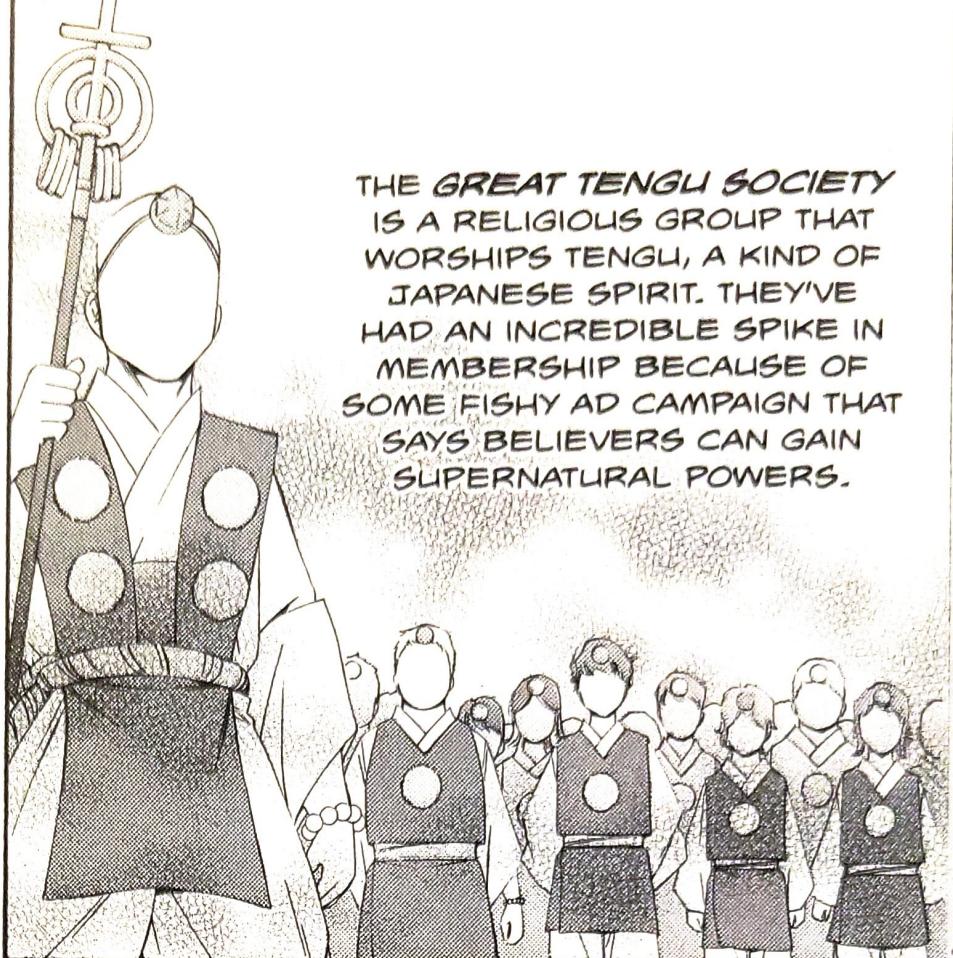
WE CAME HERE TO THE
GREAT TENGU SOCIETY'S
MAIN TEMPLE, AKA THE
"TOWER OF MIRACLES,"
AT THE TOP OF SHADOW
MOUNTAIN, TO SEE HER.

FIVE DAYS AGO...
RUSSI INFILTRATED THE
ORGANIZATION, PRETENDING
TO BE A BELIEVER, SO SHE
COULD SEE A REAL TENGU.

SHE'S NOT THE MOST
CAREFUL PLANNER, SO WE
WERE SURE SHE WOULD
MAKE SOME KIND OF
BLUNDER.



THE GREAT TENGU SOCIETY
IS A RELIGIOUS GROUP THAT
WORSHIPS TENGU, A KIND OF
JAPANESE SPIRIT. THEY'VE
HAD AN INCREDIBLE SPIKE IN
MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF
SOME FISHY AD CAMPAIGN THAT
SAYS BELIEVERS CAN GAIN
SUPERNATURAL POWERS.

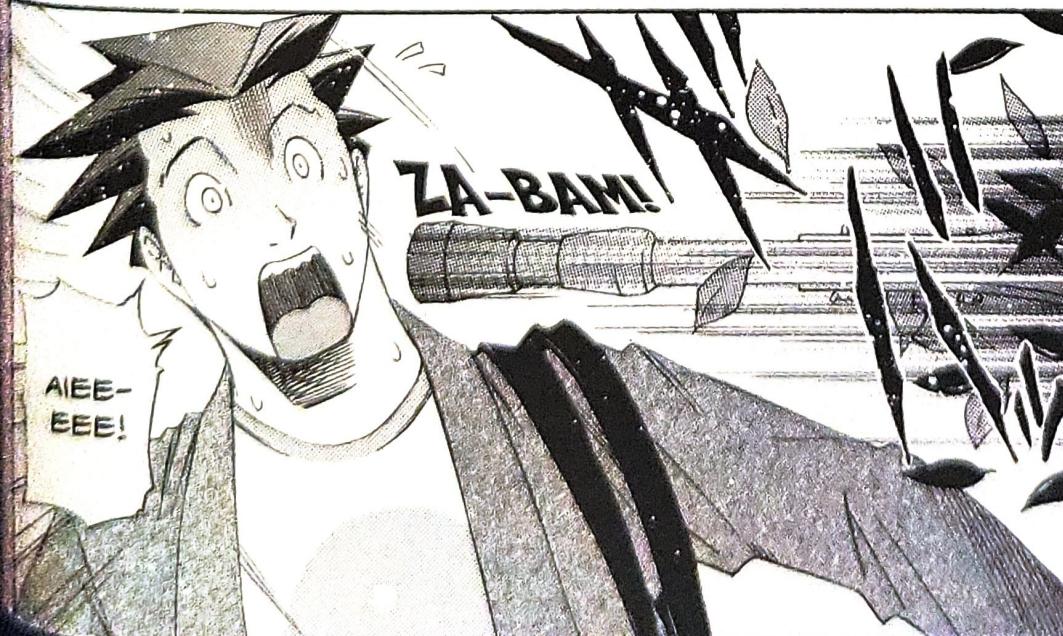
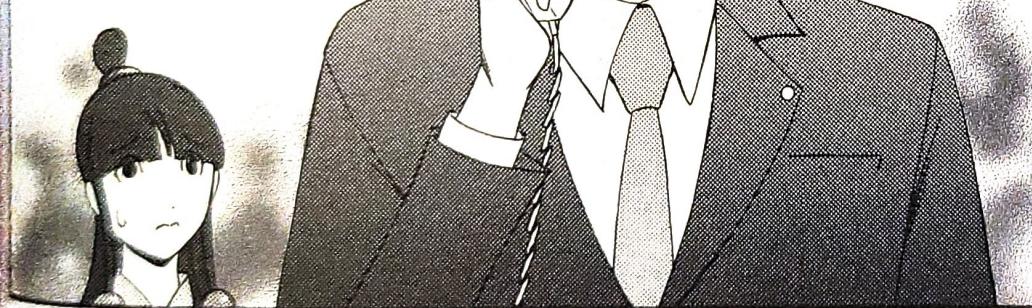


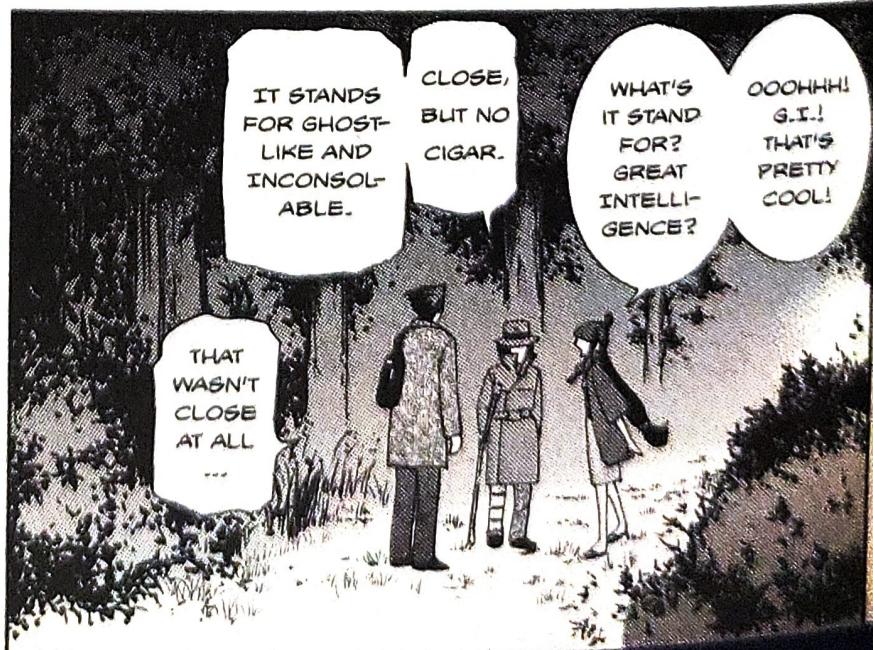
WE WERE AFRAID
SHE MIGHT HAVE
GOTTEN MIXED UP IN
SOME TROUBLE, SO
WE CAME TO CHECK
ON HER, BUT...

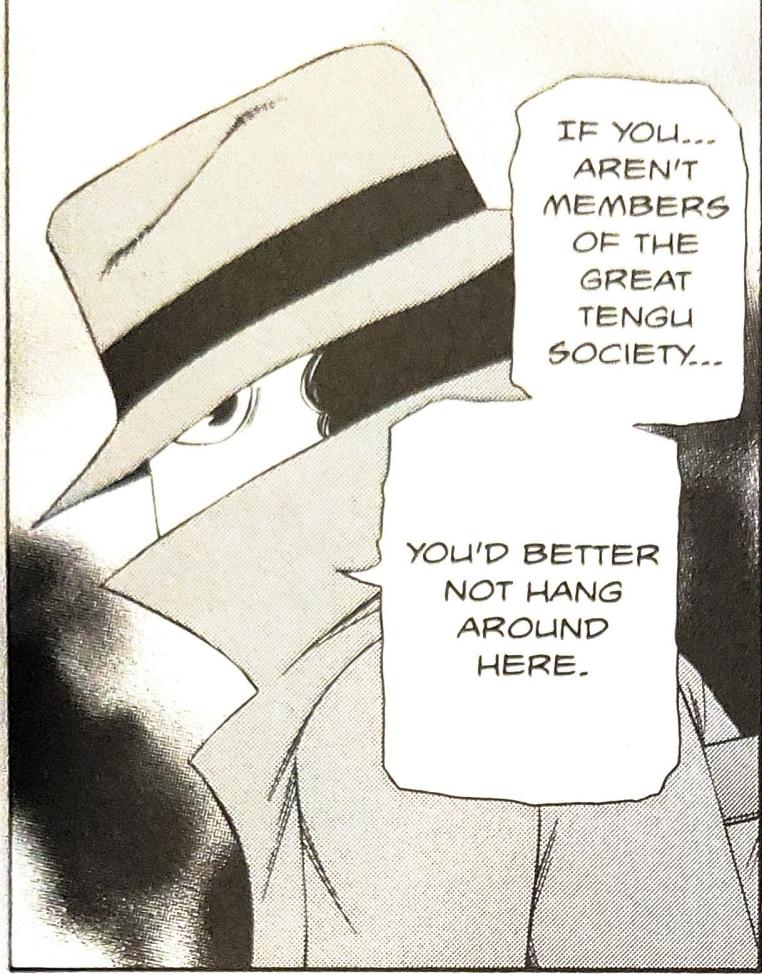
BUT THIS
MORNING, I
COULDN'T GET
THROUGH, NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES I
CALLED!

I CALLED
EVERY
MORNING TO
MAKE SURE
SHE WAS
SAFE.

YOU'RE NOT
HURT, ARE YOU?

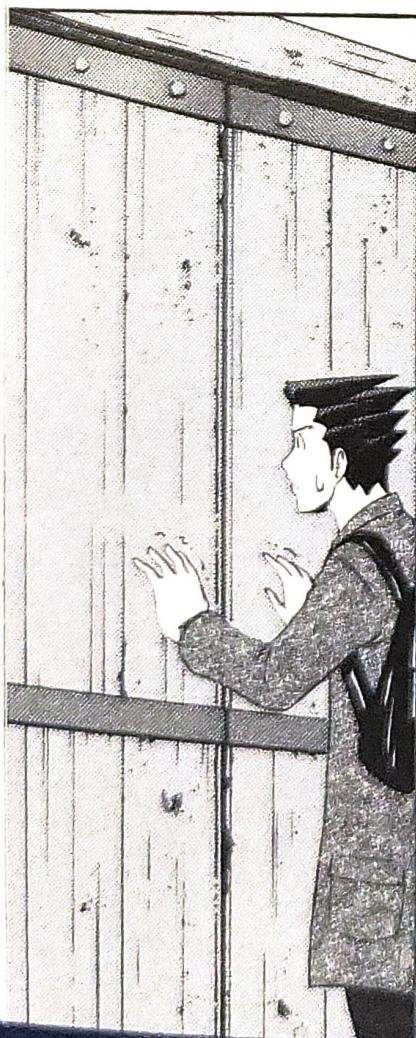


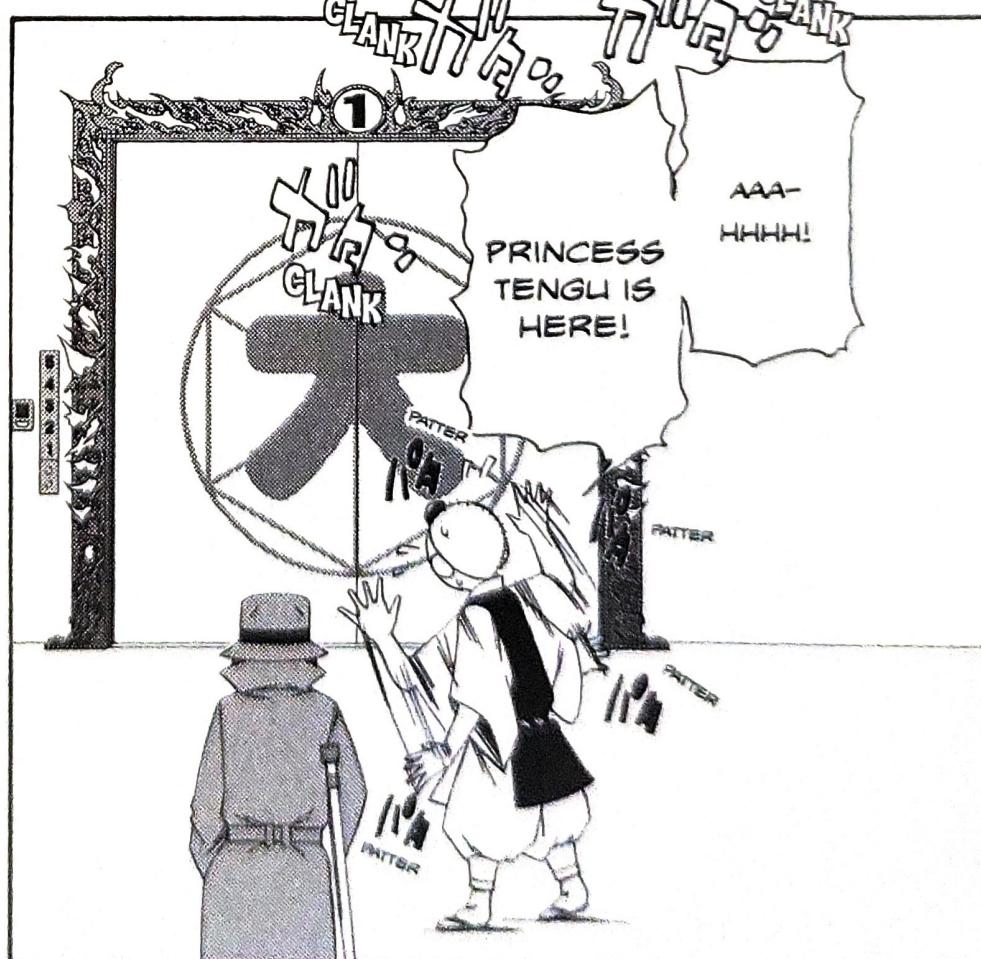
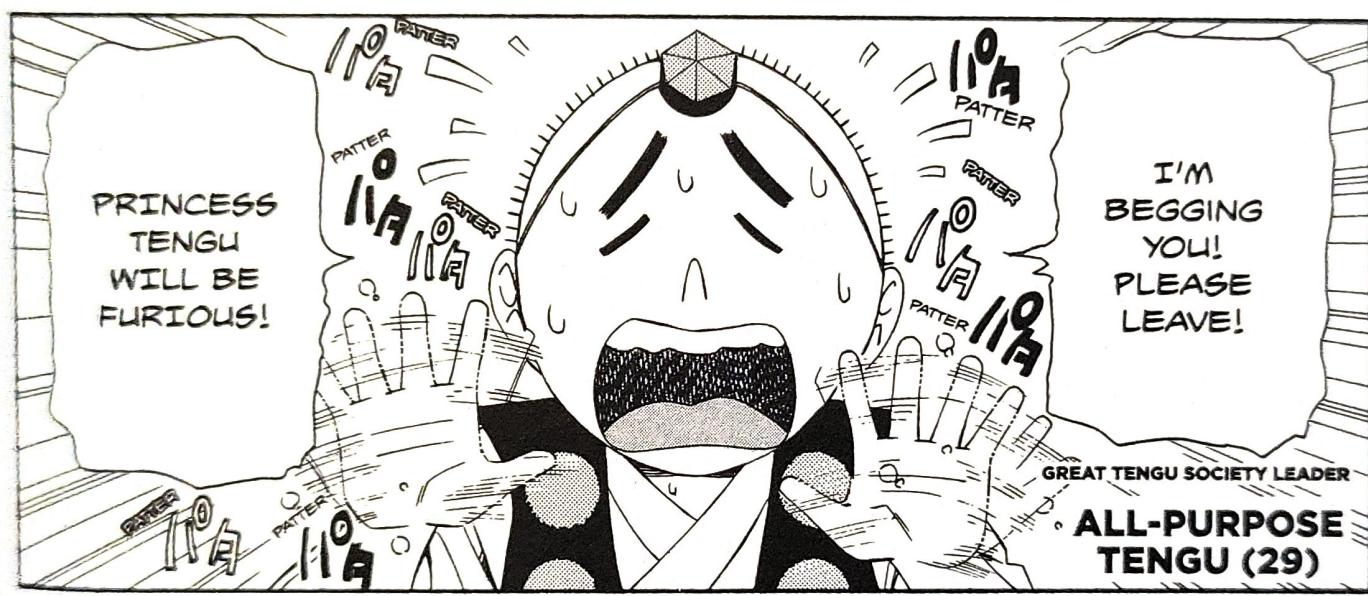
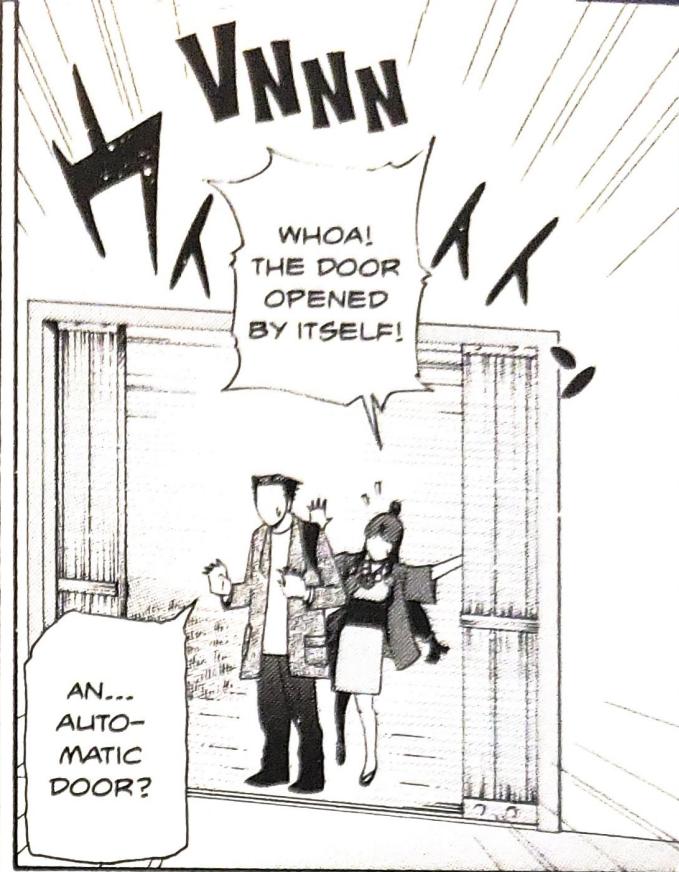
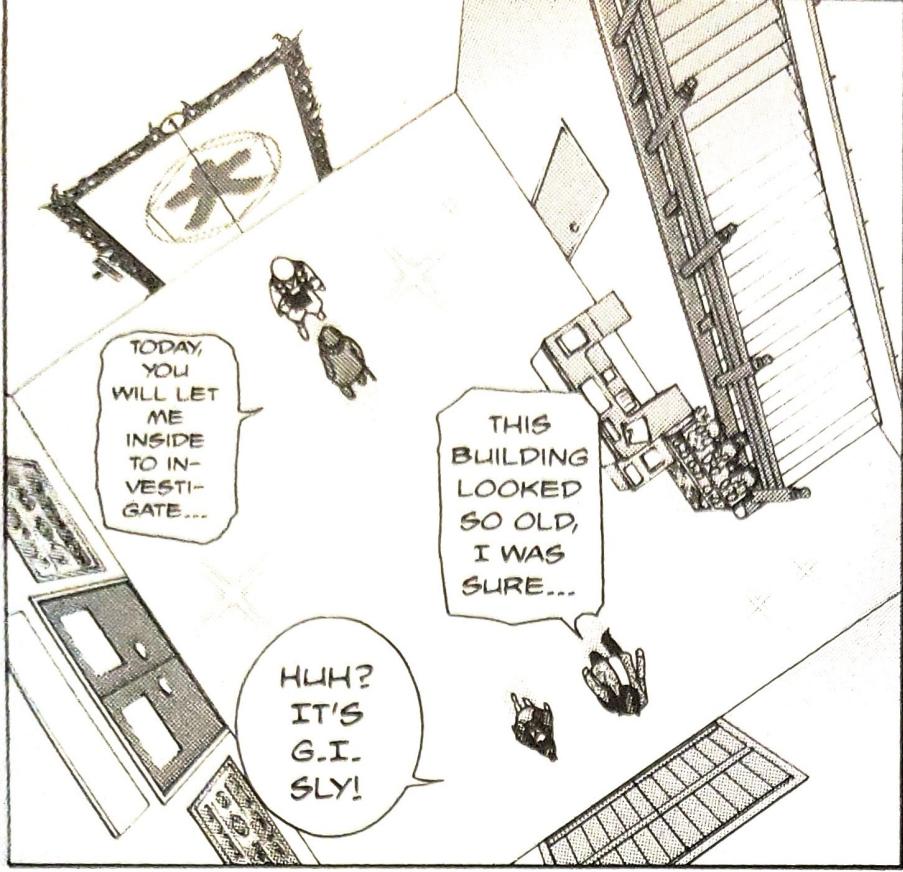




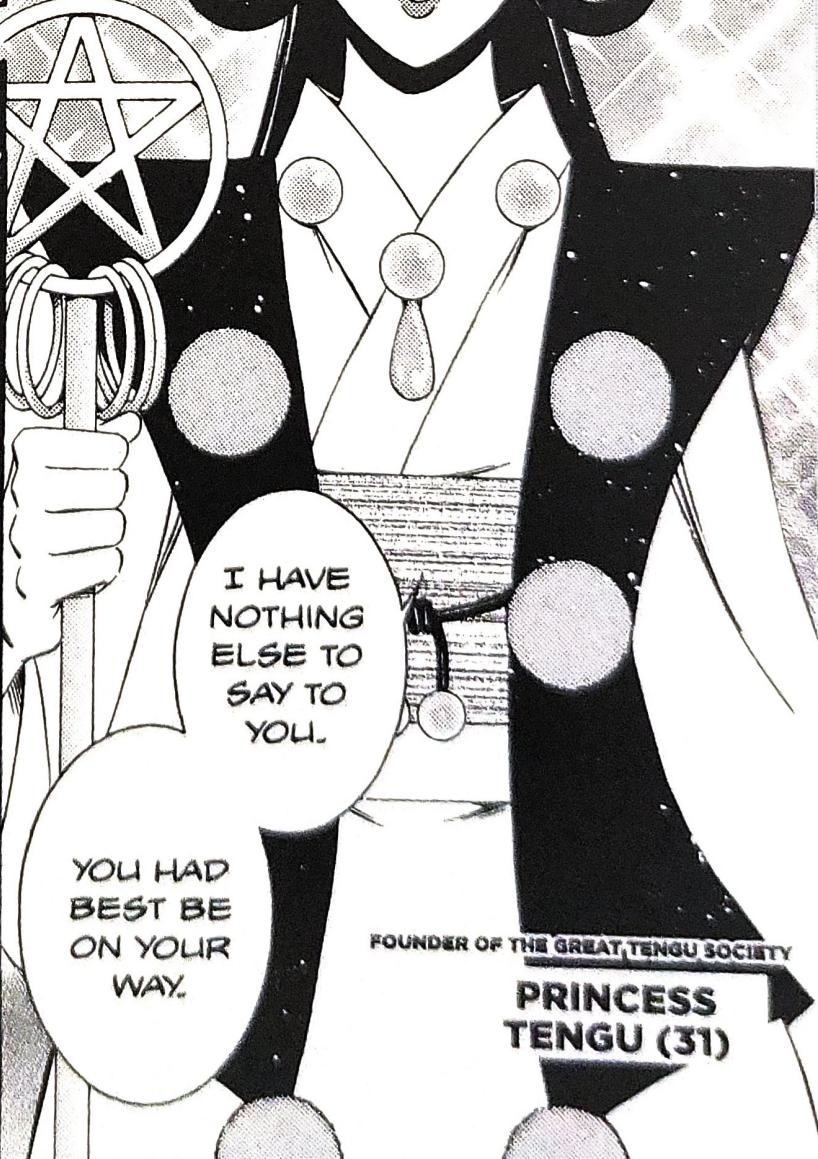
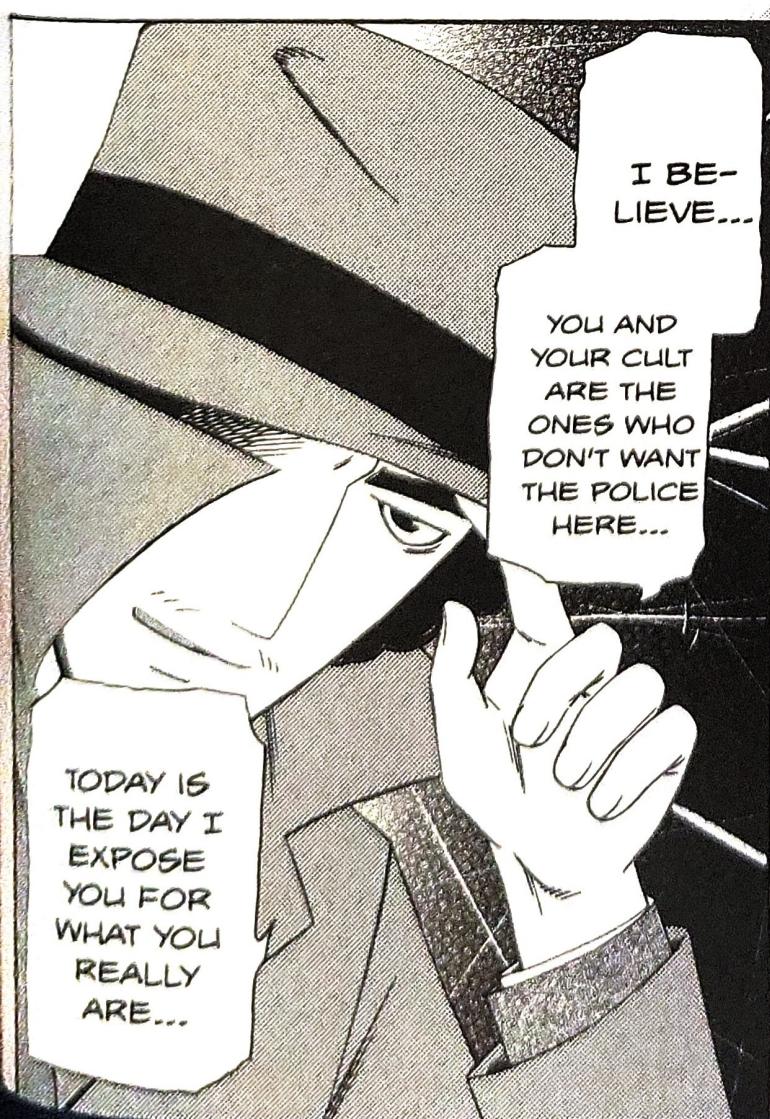
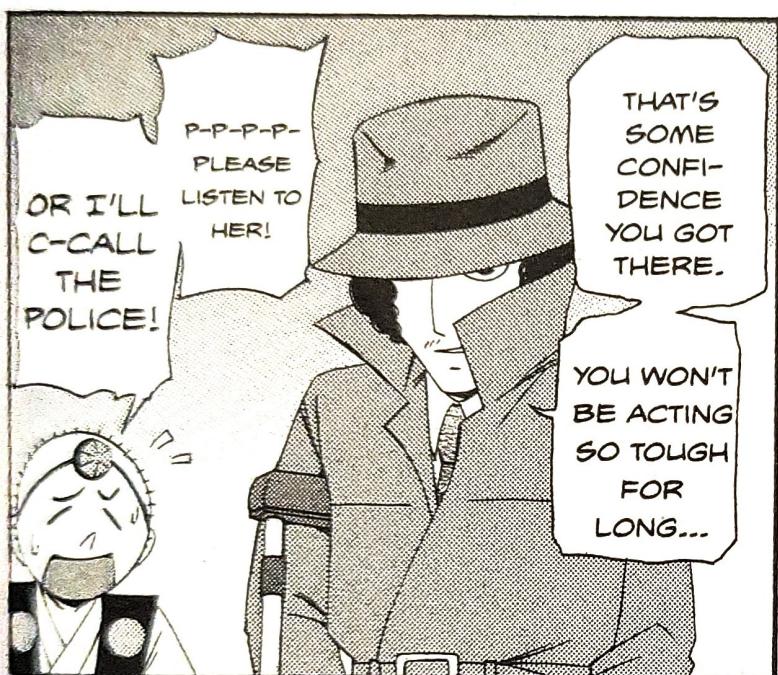
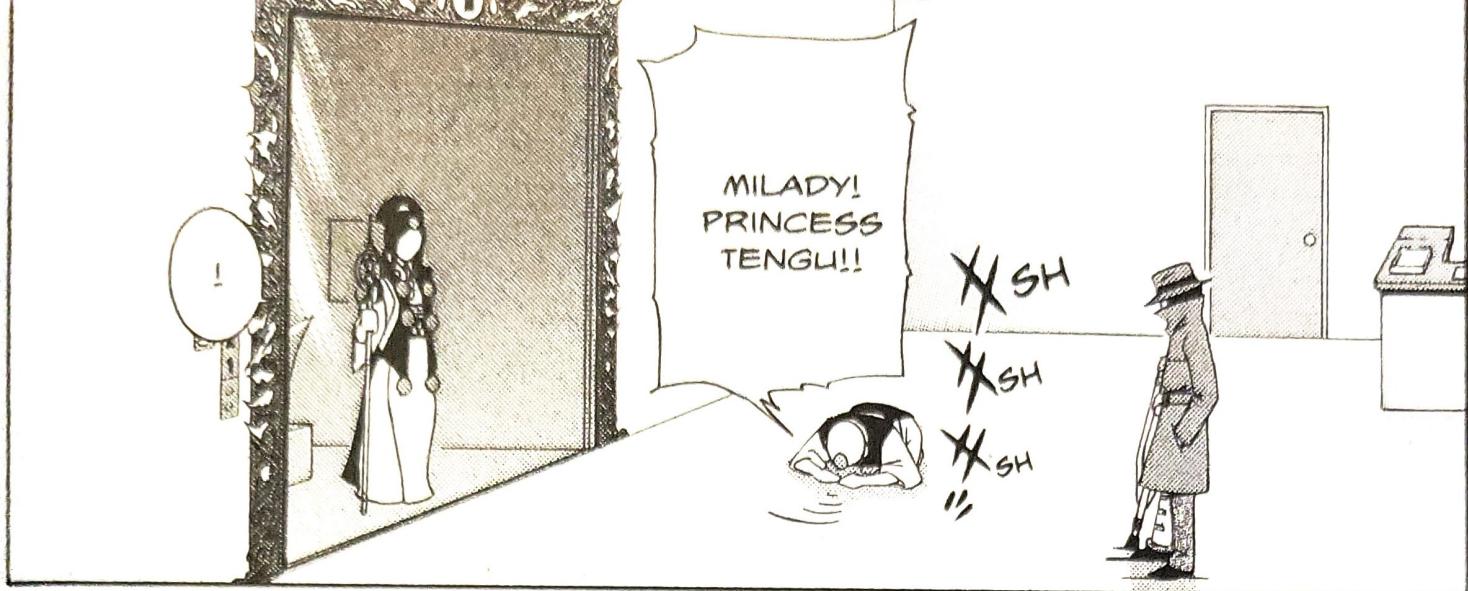


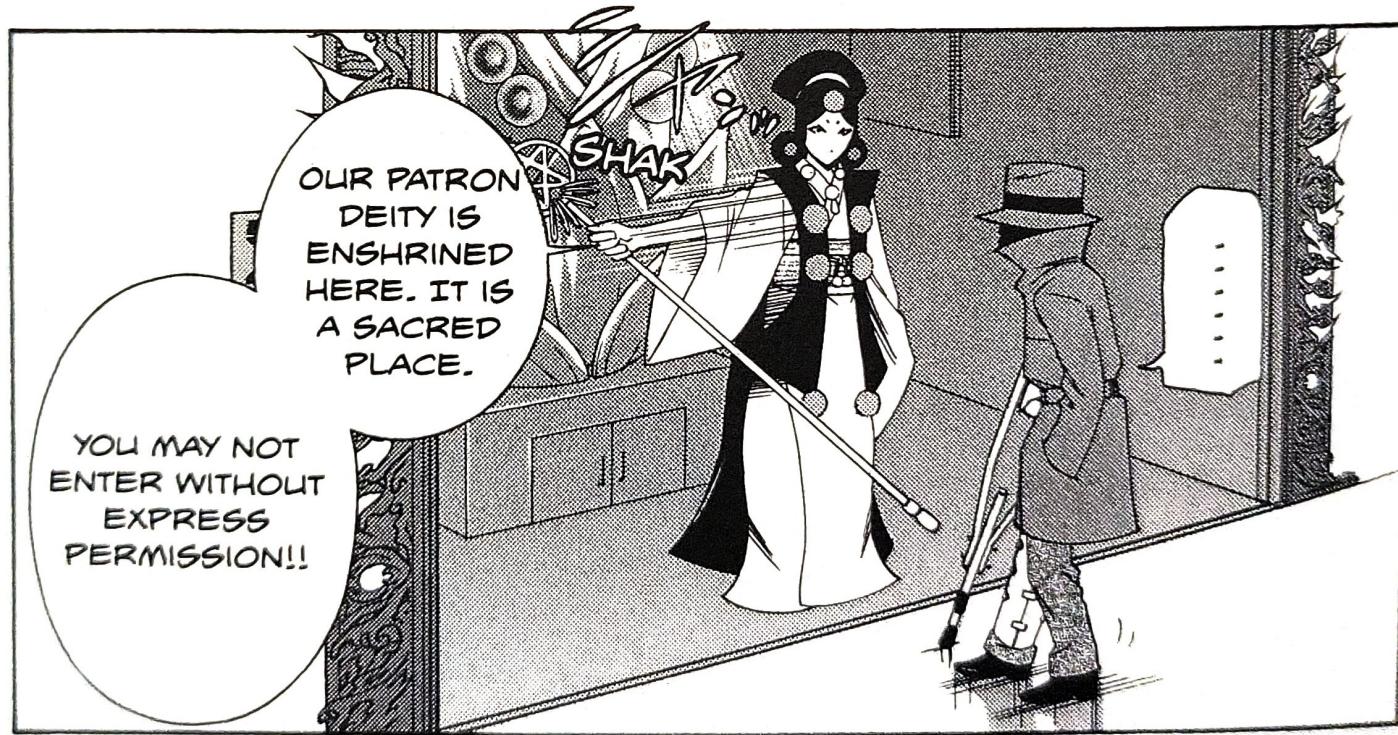
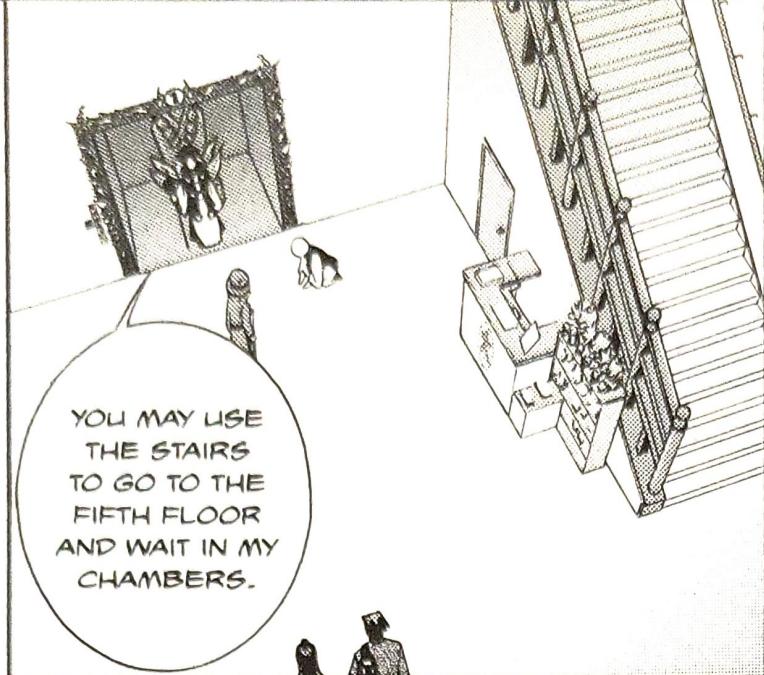
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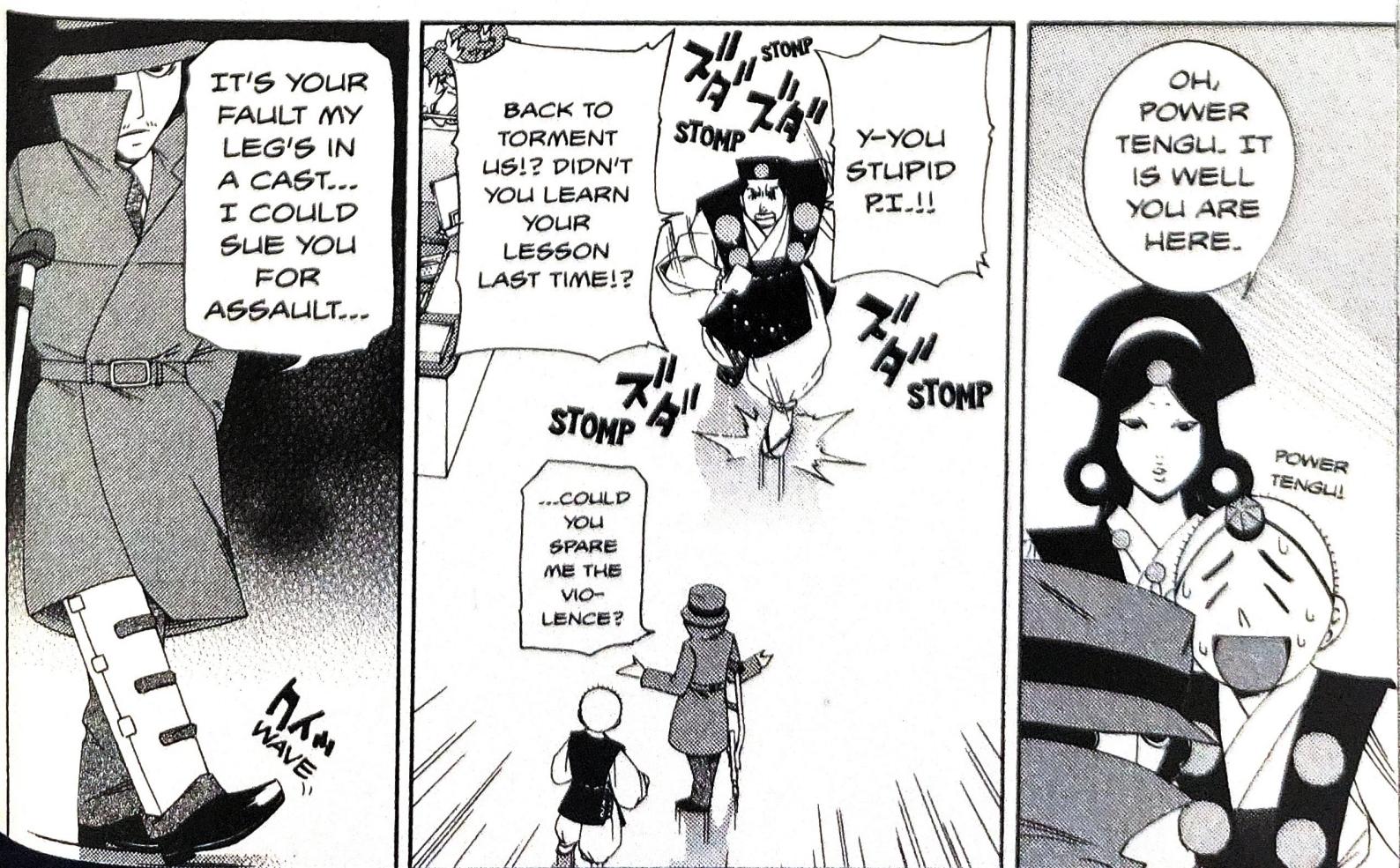
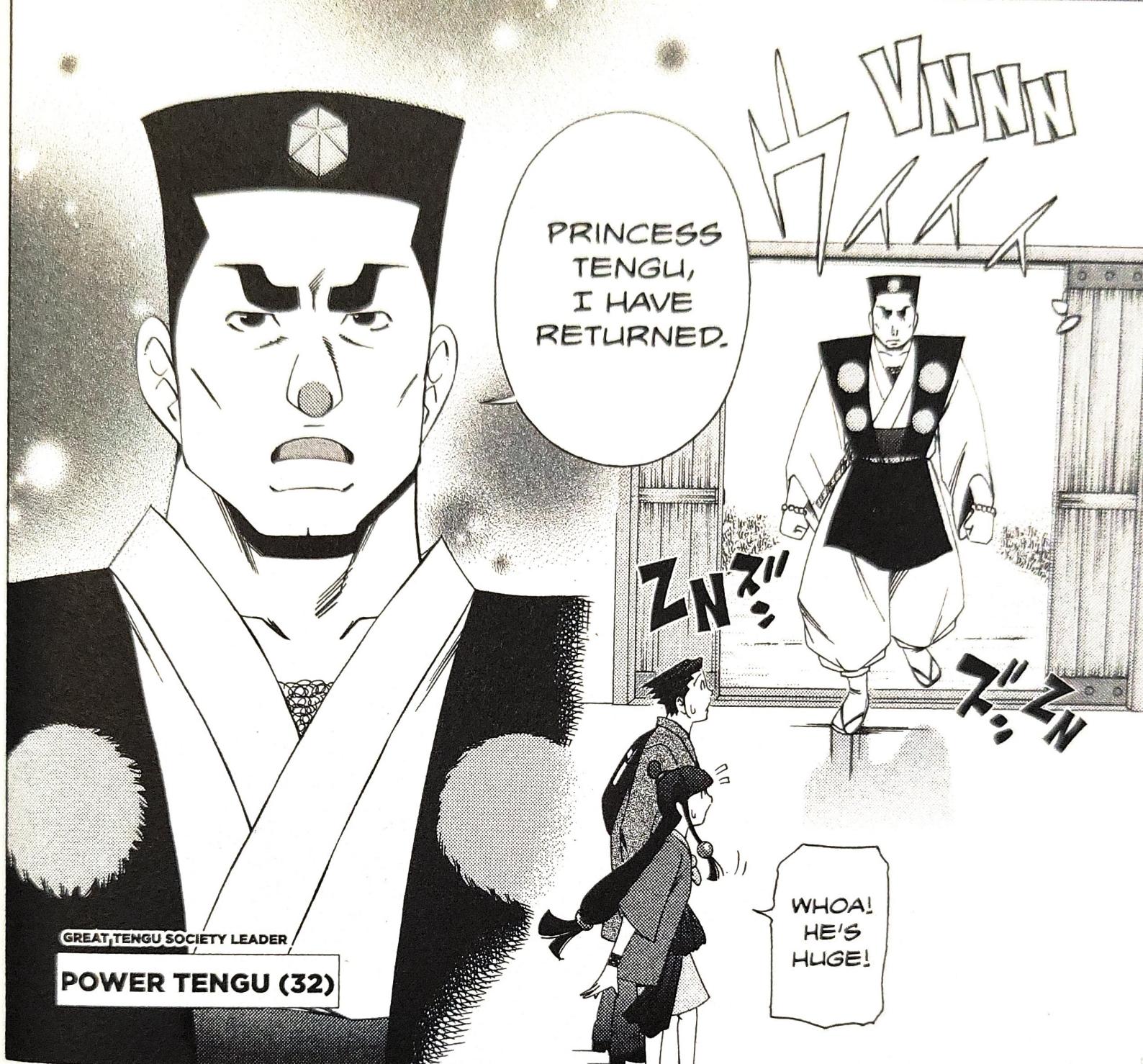


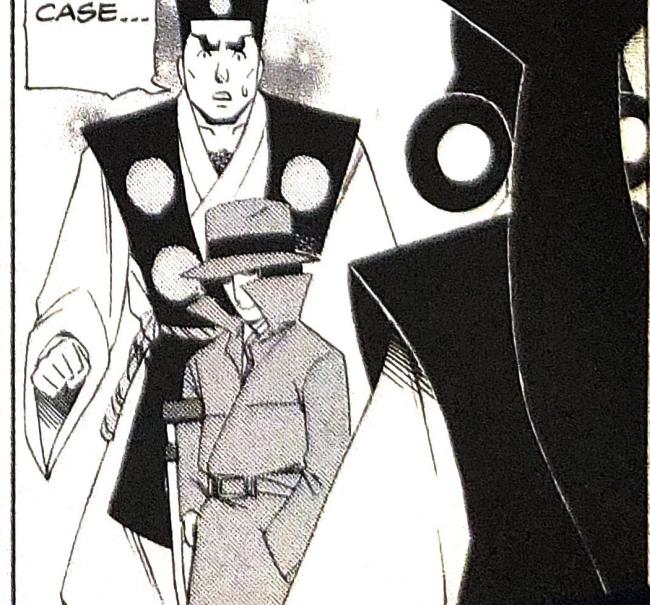
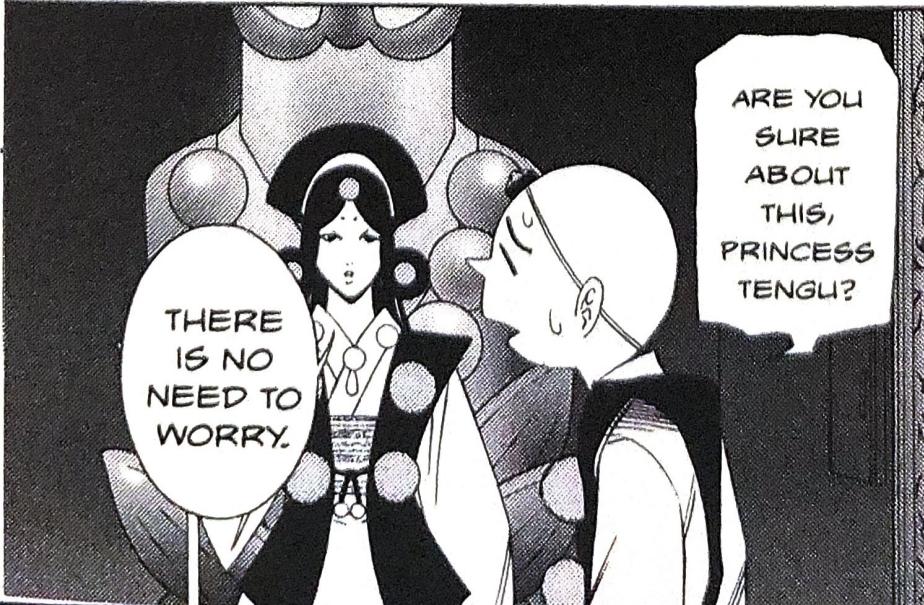
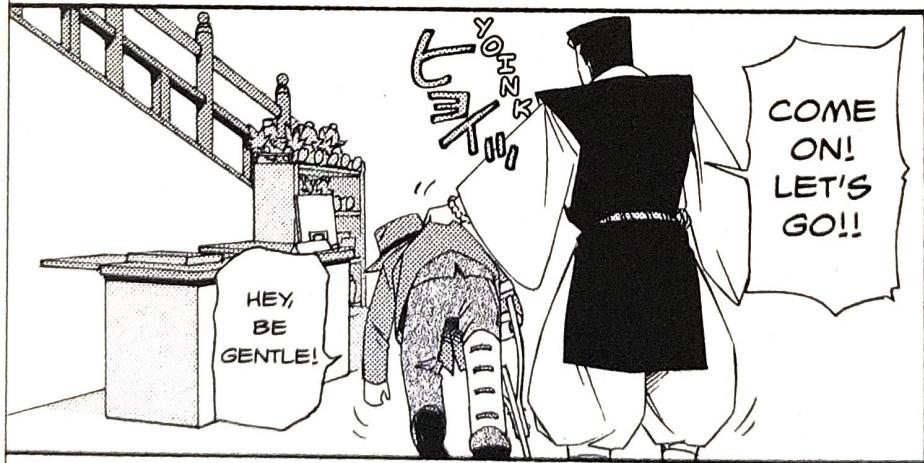
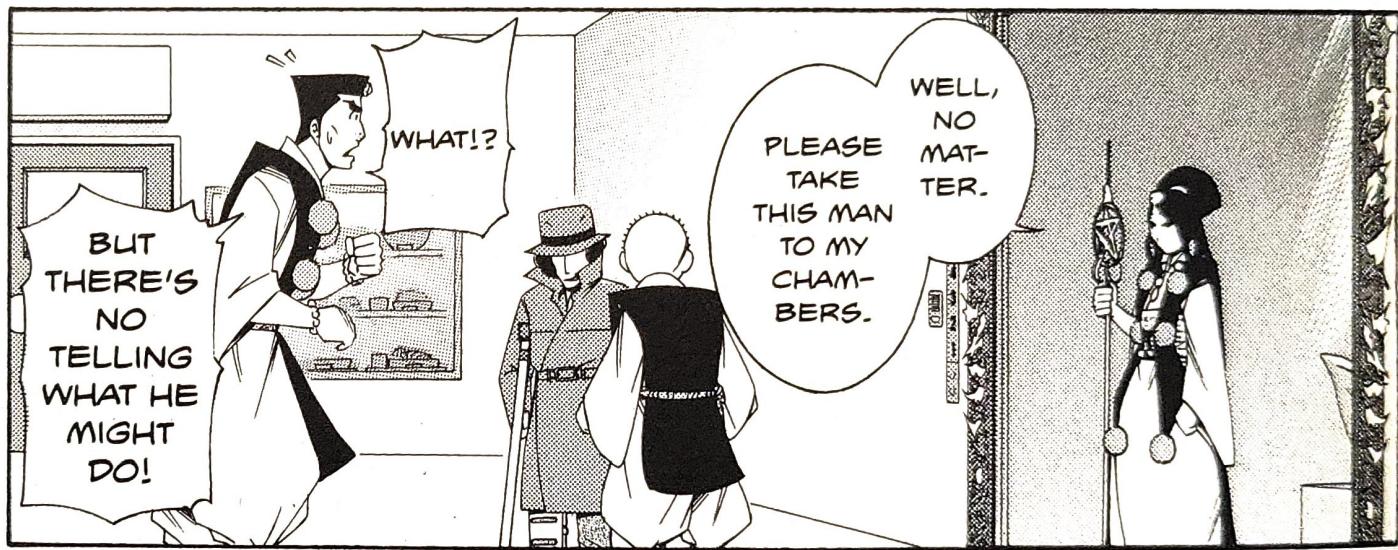
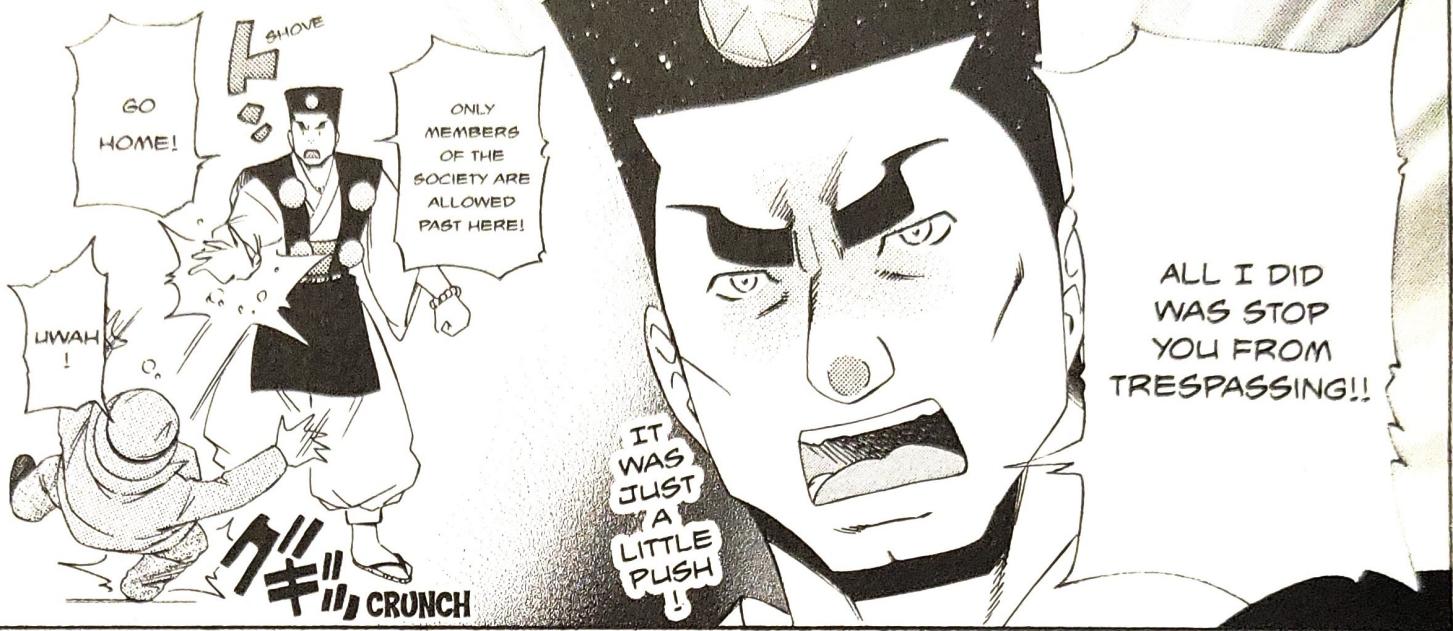


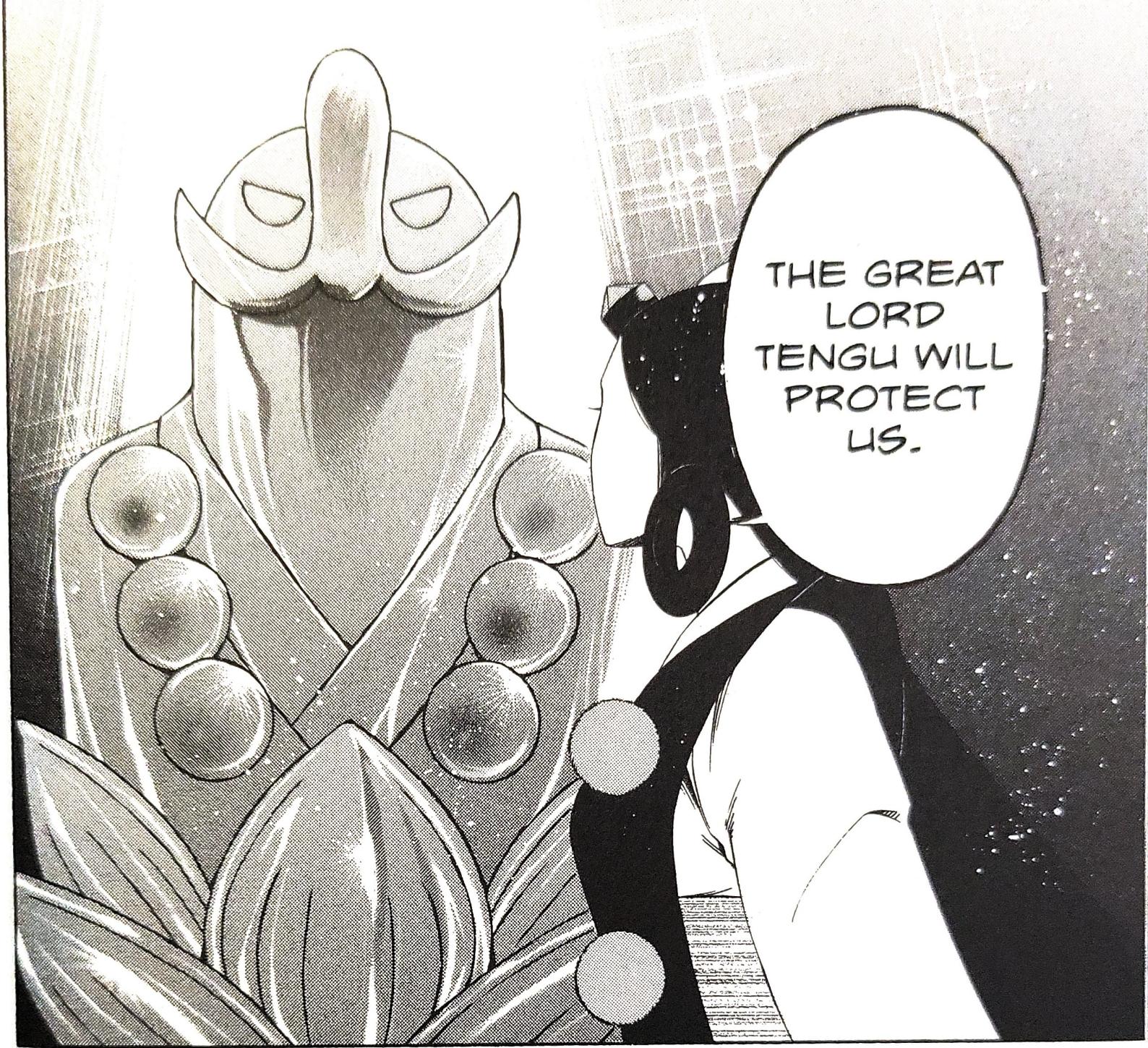






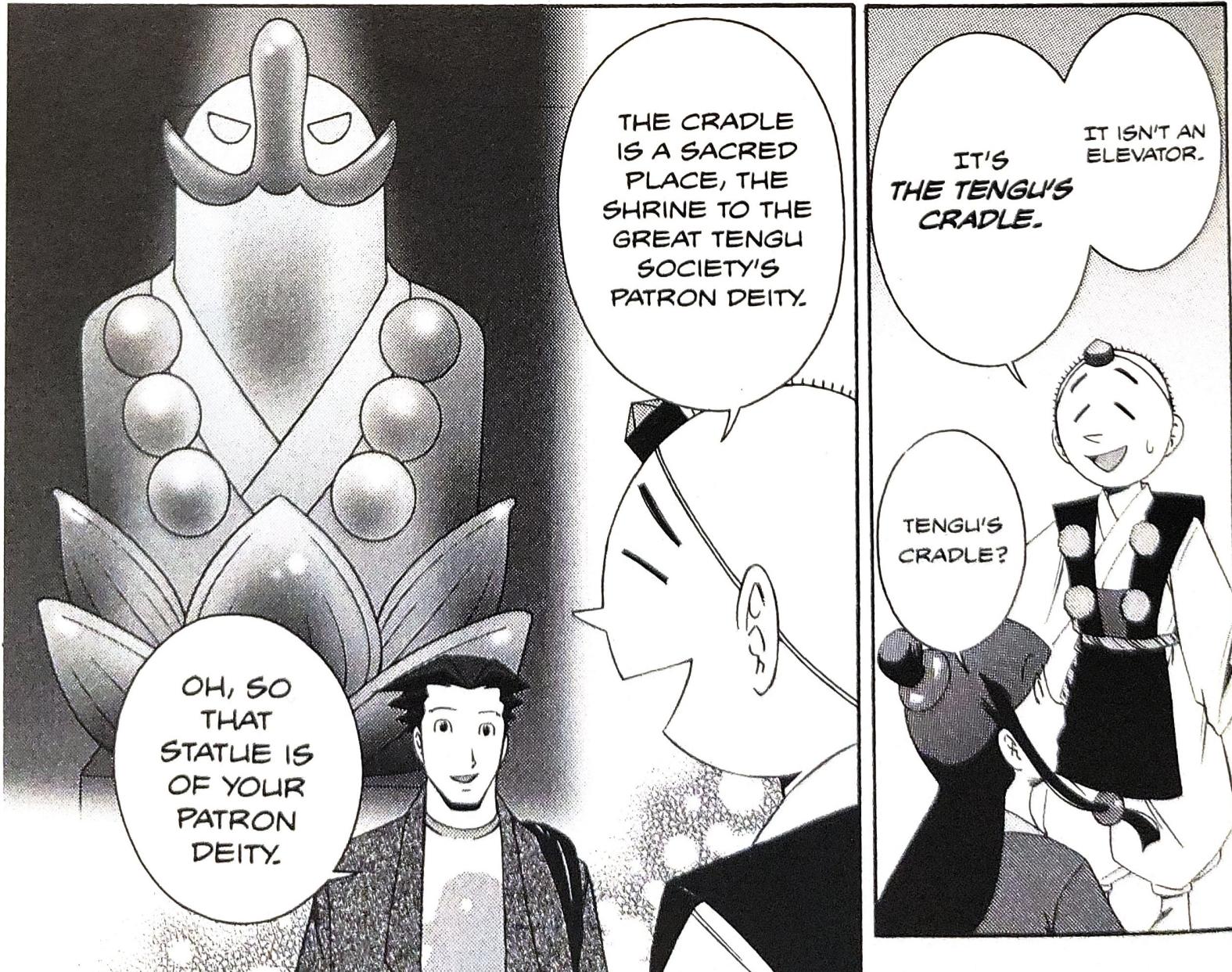
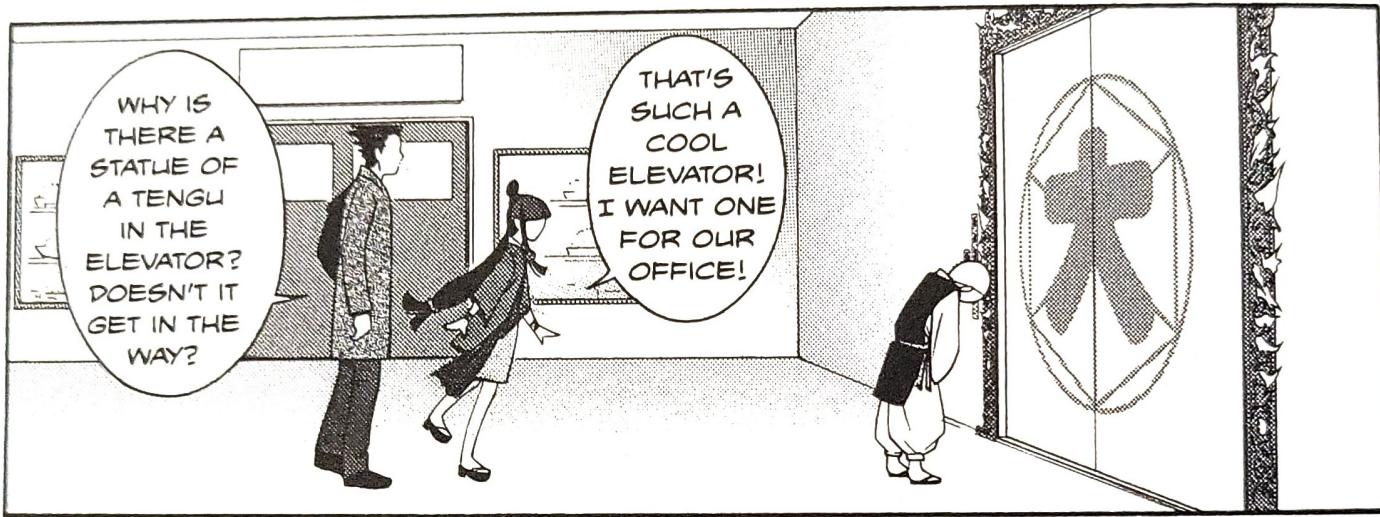


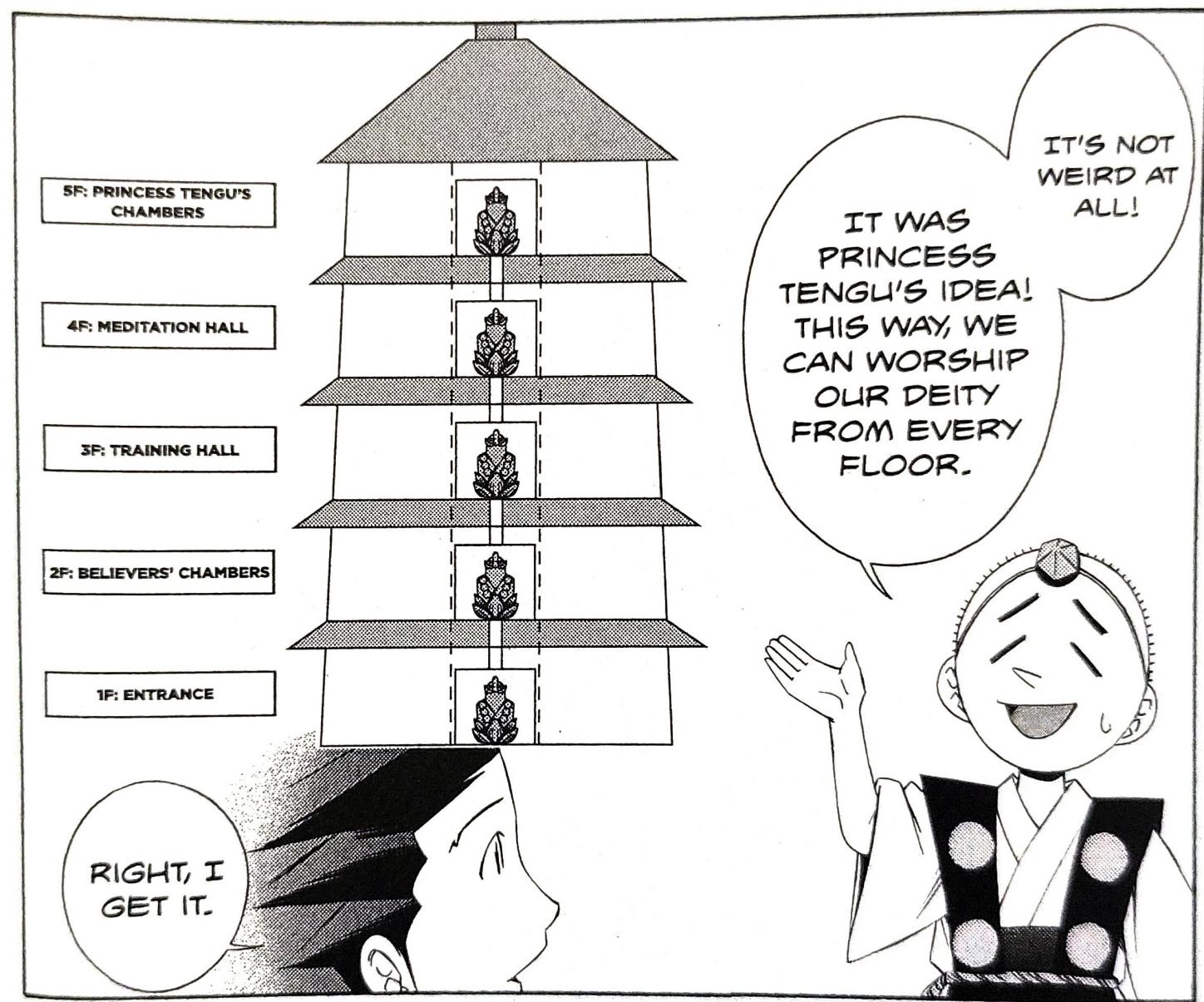
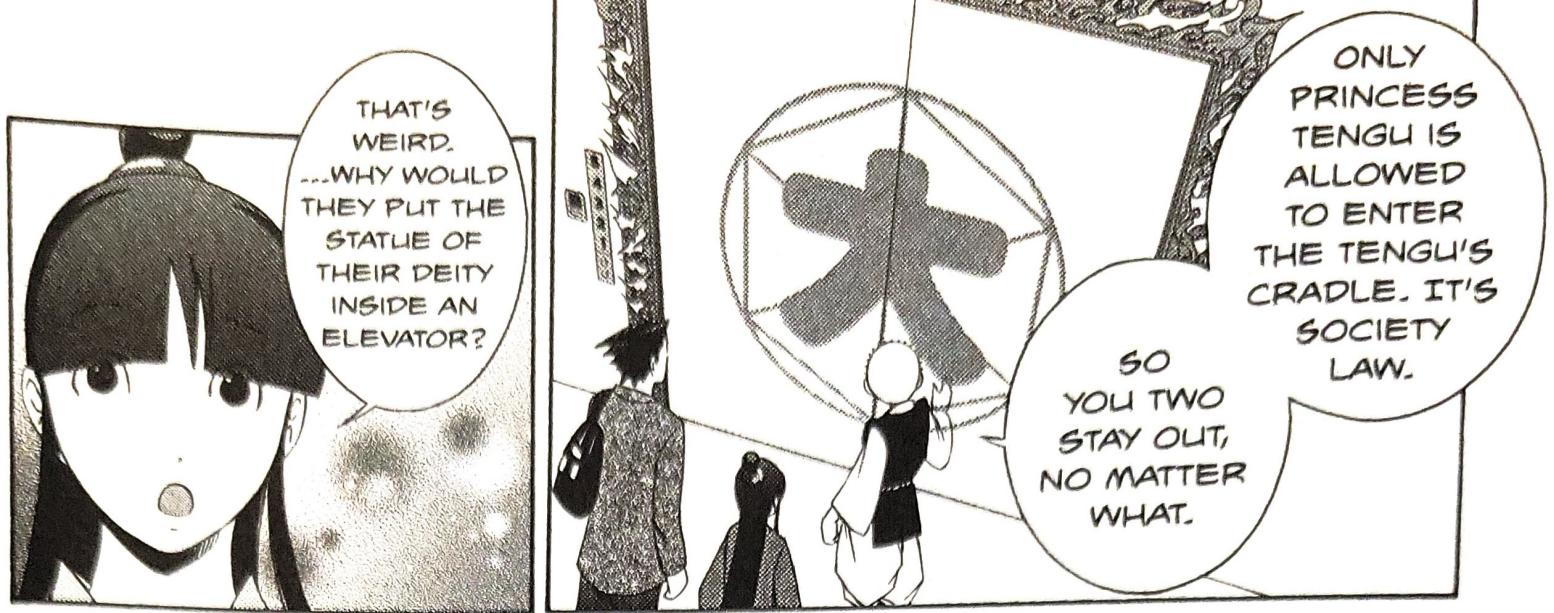


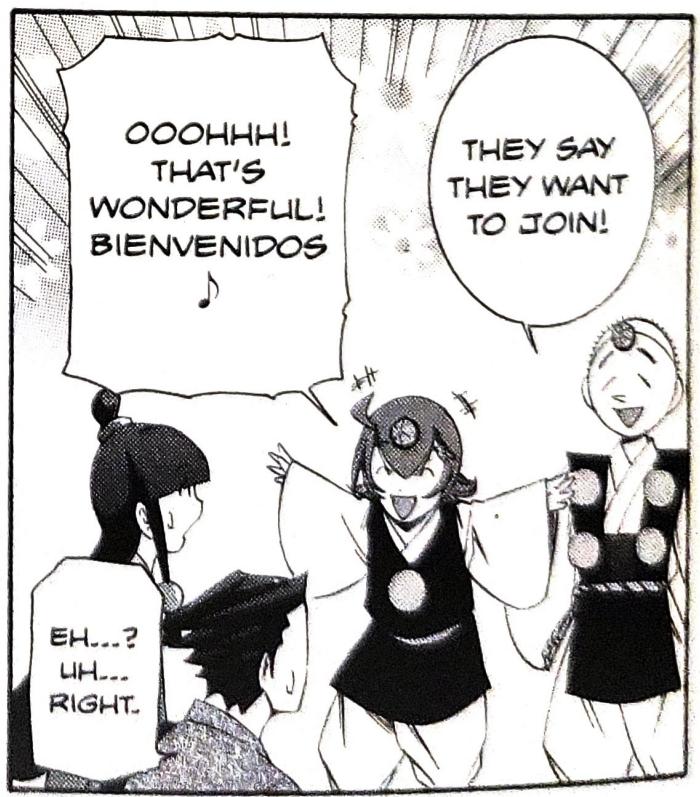
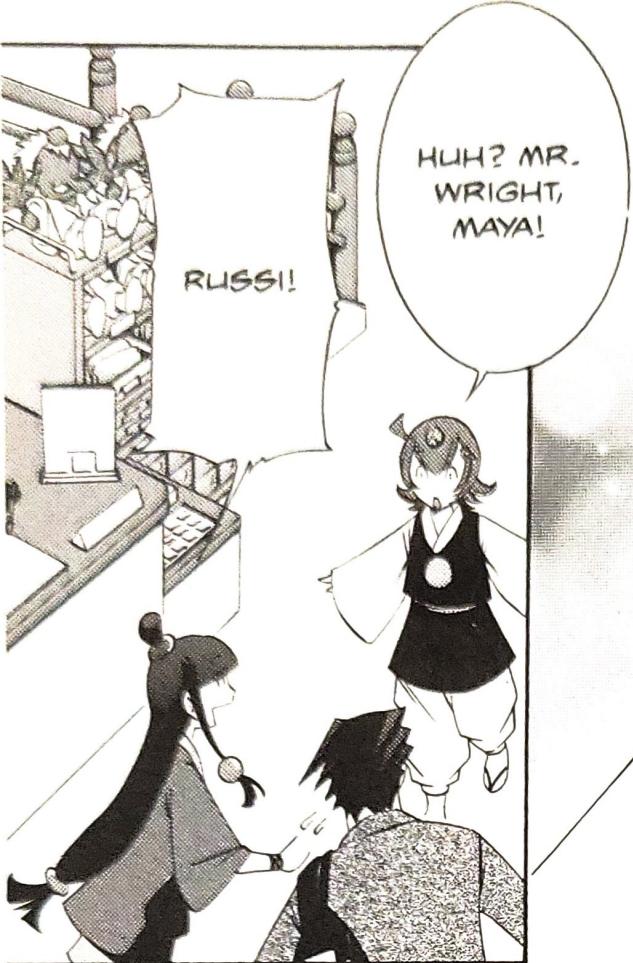


THE GREAT
LORD
TENGU WILL
PROTECT
US.









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THE TOWER OF MIRACLES
BELIEVERS' CHAMBERS

ANYONE
WALKING
AROUND
WITHOUT
PERMISSION
IS SEVERELY
PUNISHED

WE GET
UP EVERY
MORNING
AT FIVE
AND GO
TO BED AT
NINE

BUT
NOW I'M
TOTALLY
HOOKED ON
THIS GREAT
TENGU
SOCIETY
THING



TENGU,
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

AT
FIRST, I
WAS JUST
INTER-
ESTED IN
ALL THE
OCCULT
PHENOM-
ENA.

OH! I
FORGOT!

NEVER
MIND THAT,
RUSSI! YOU
DIDN'T PICK
UP YOUR
PHONE!
I WAS
WORRIED!

OBJECTION!

WRIGHT! WHERE
DID YOU DISAPPEAR
TO!?

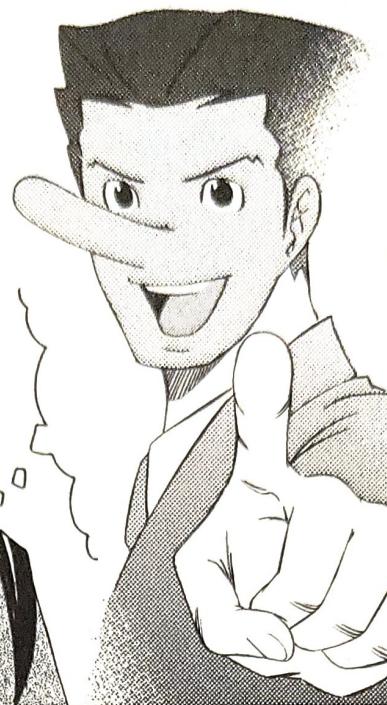
SUPER
POWERS?
DON'T TELL
ME YOU MEAN
LIKE FLYING
OR MAKING
YOURSELF
INVISIBLE.

THE
PAMPHLET SAYS
THREE YEARS OF
TRAINING ONLY
GETS YOU A LITTLE
BIT CLOSER TO
THE TENGU.

...SOMEDAY,
I'LL GET
TO USE
SUPERNATURAL
POWERS

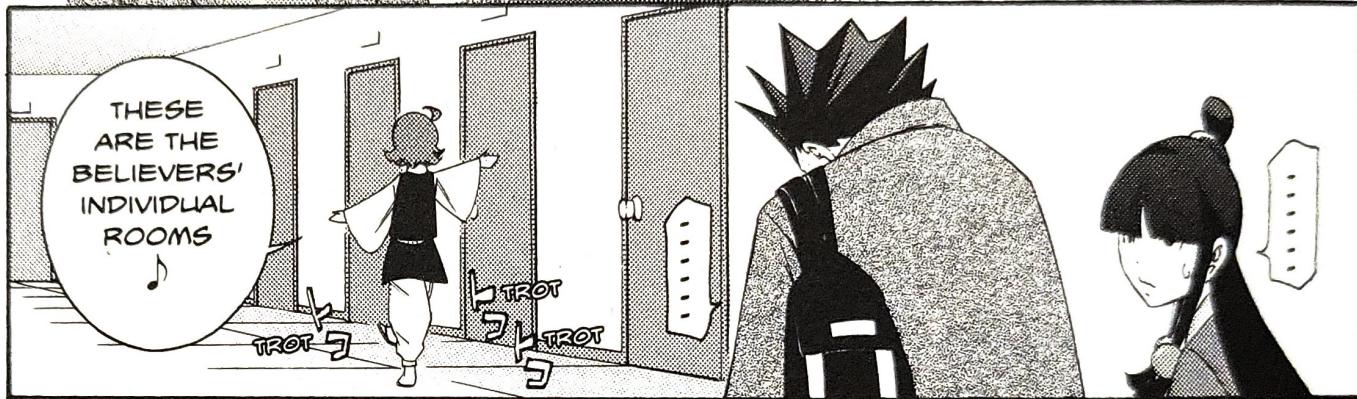
I MEAN,
IF I TRAIN
HERE...

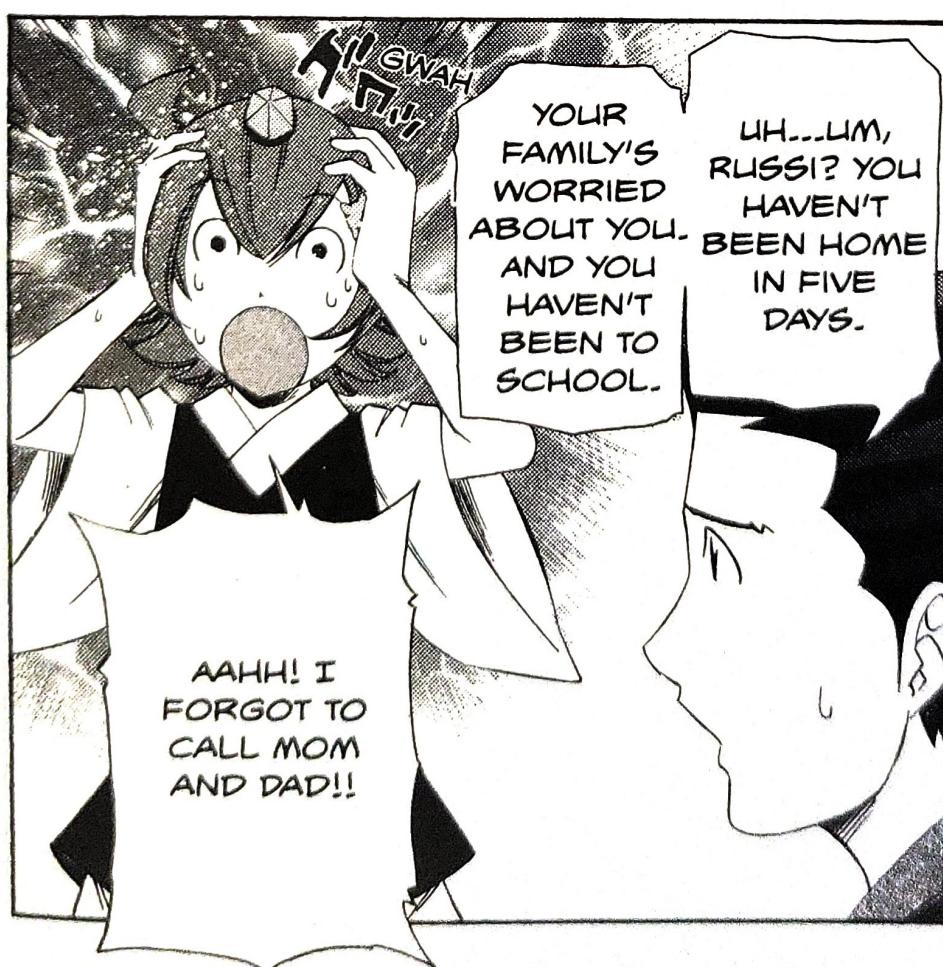
AND THAT'S
A...
GOOD
THING?



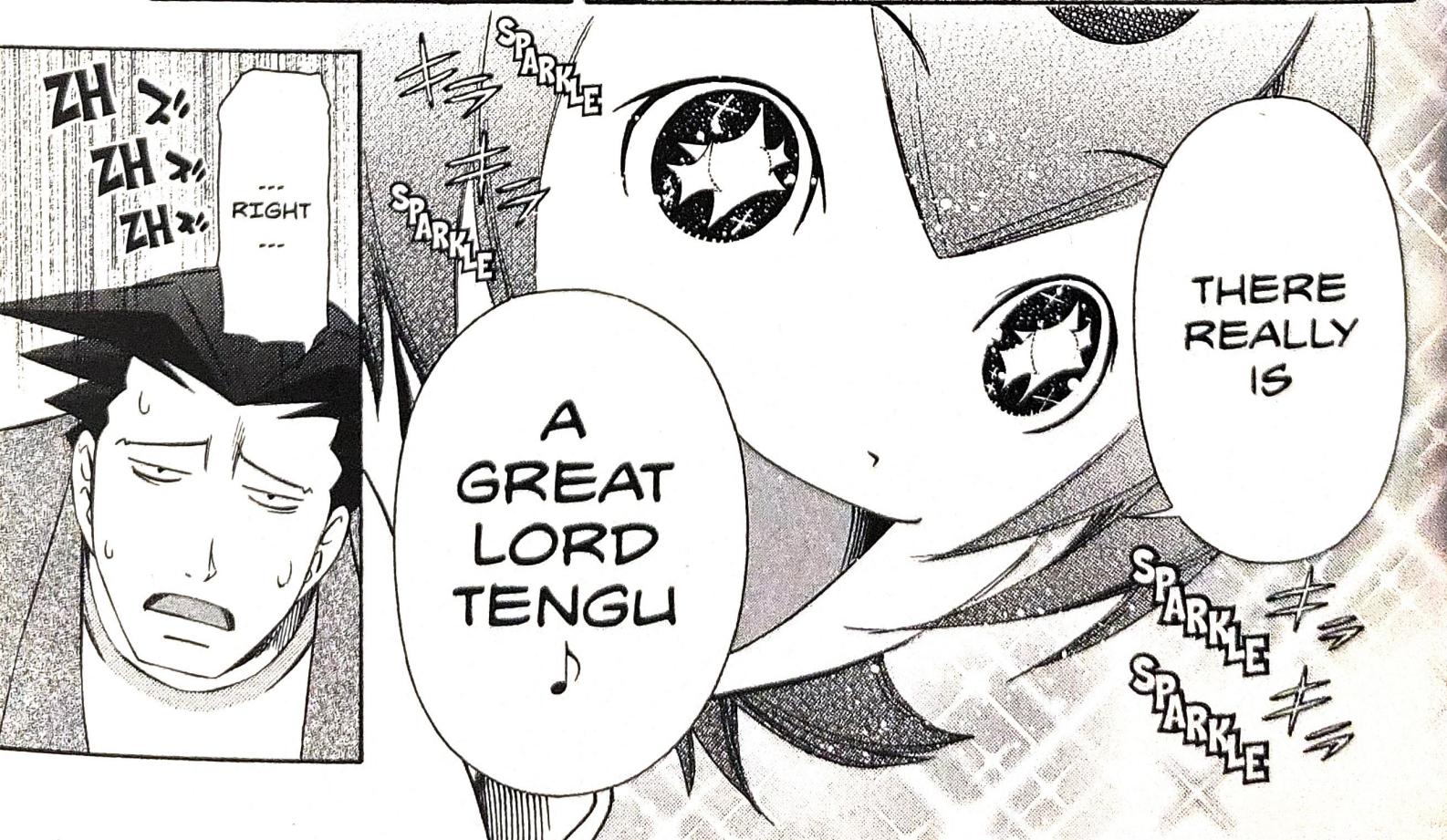
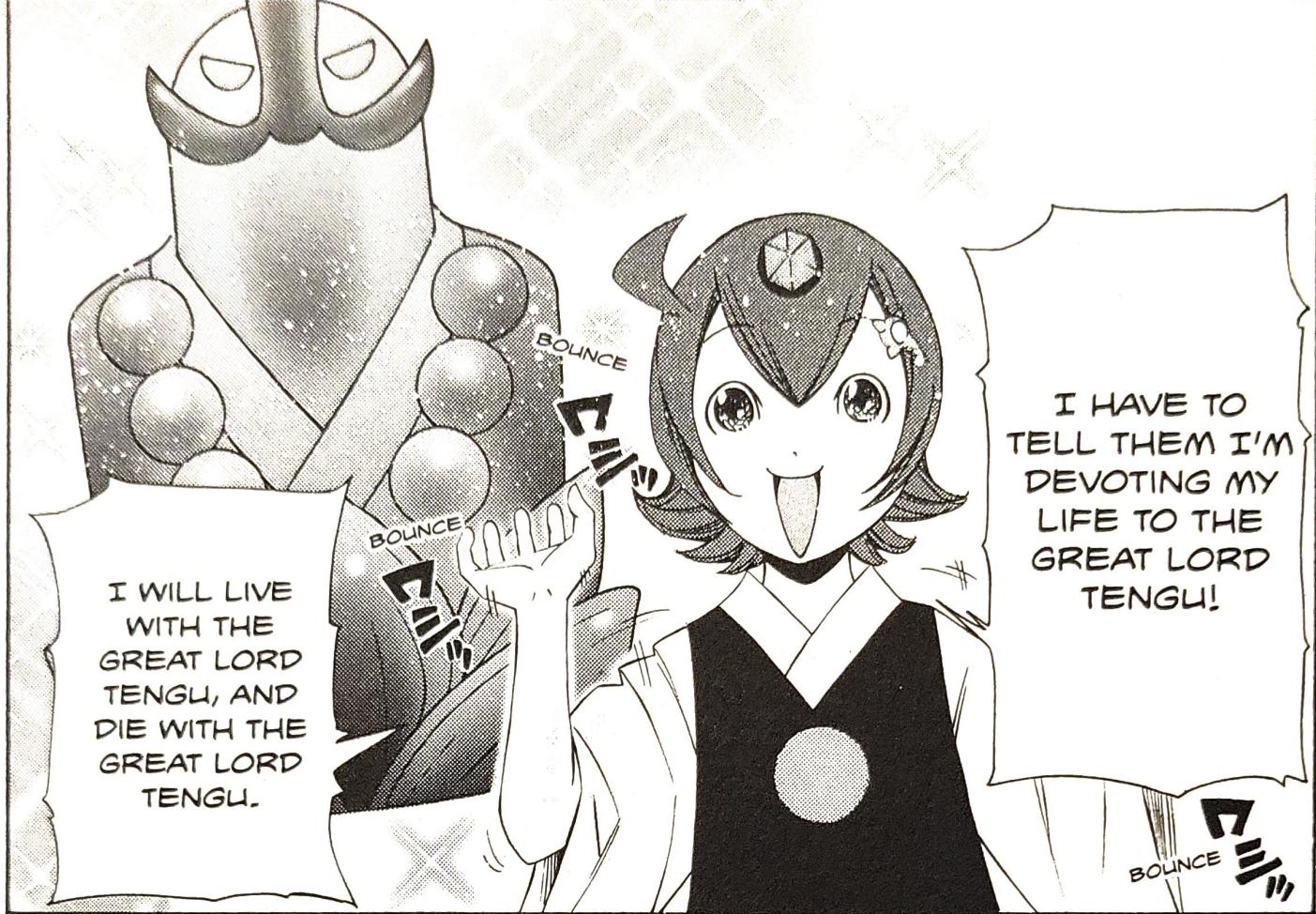
JUST LIKE
THE GREAT
LORD TENGU
♪

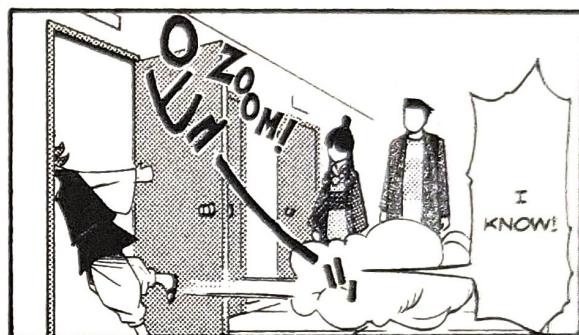
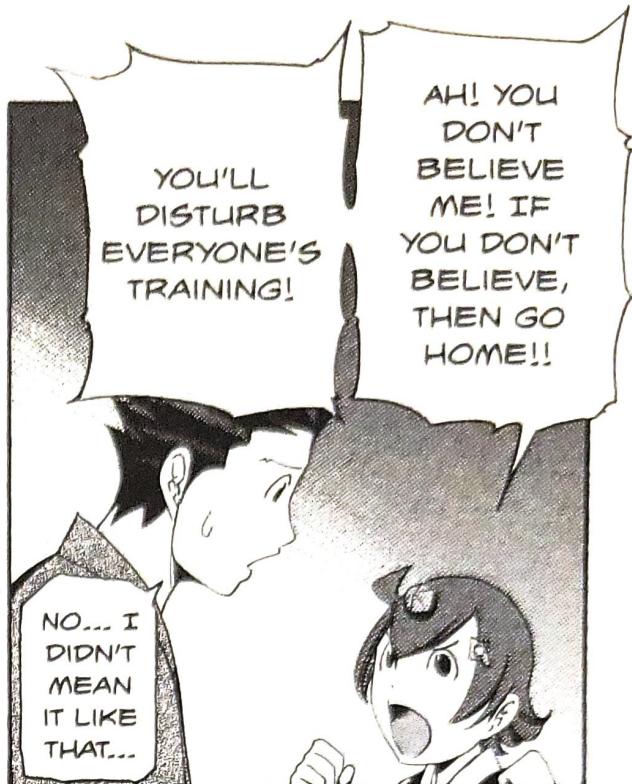
THAT'S
RIGHT!
YOUR NOSE
GROWS,
AND YOUR
FACE
TURNS
RED,



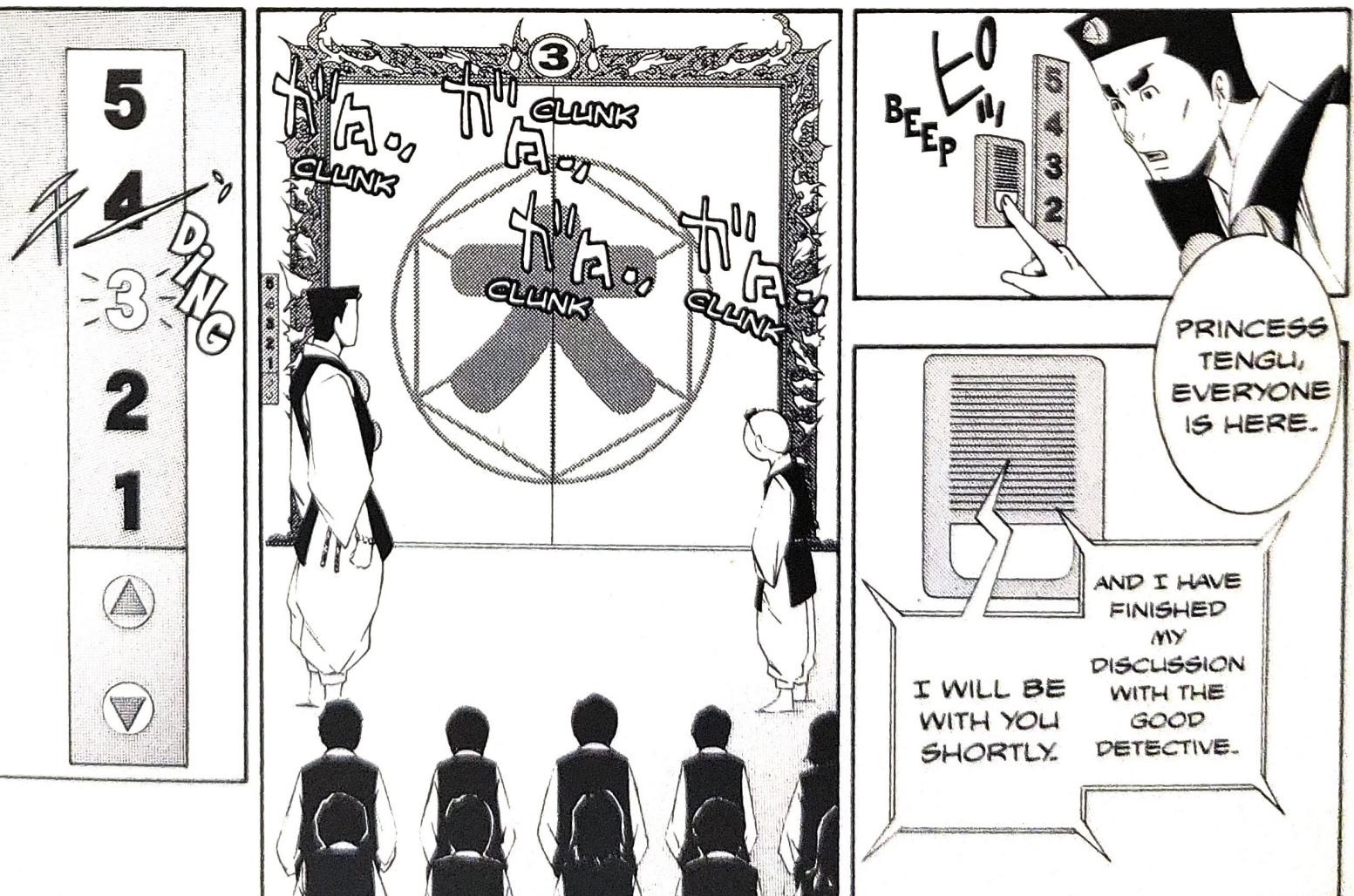
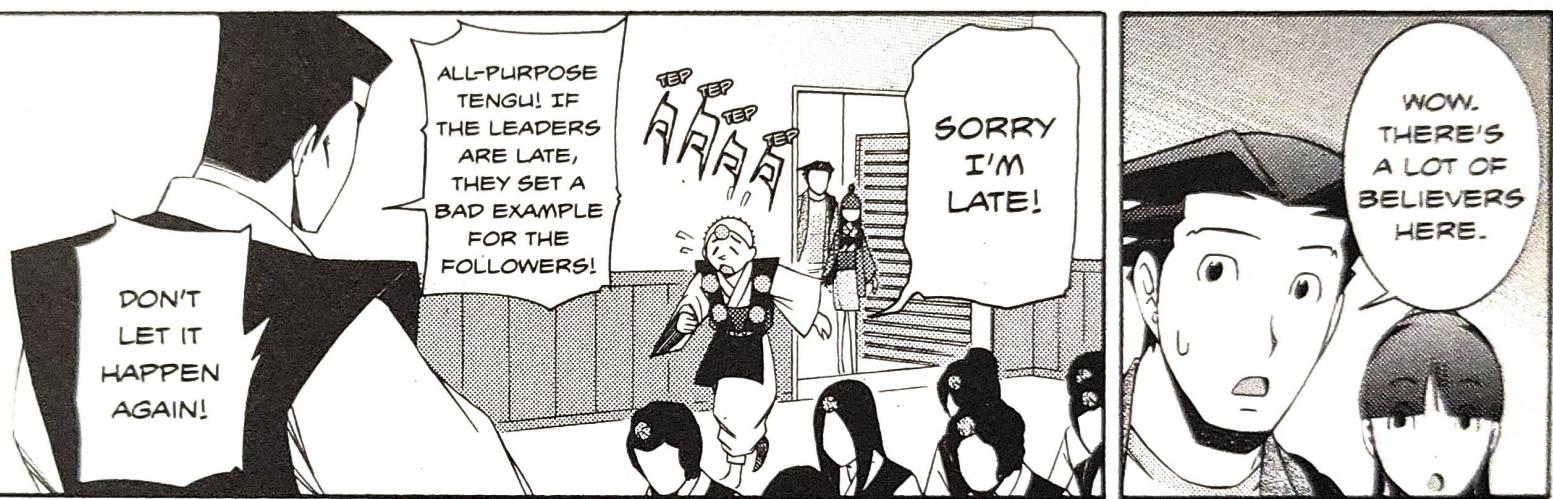
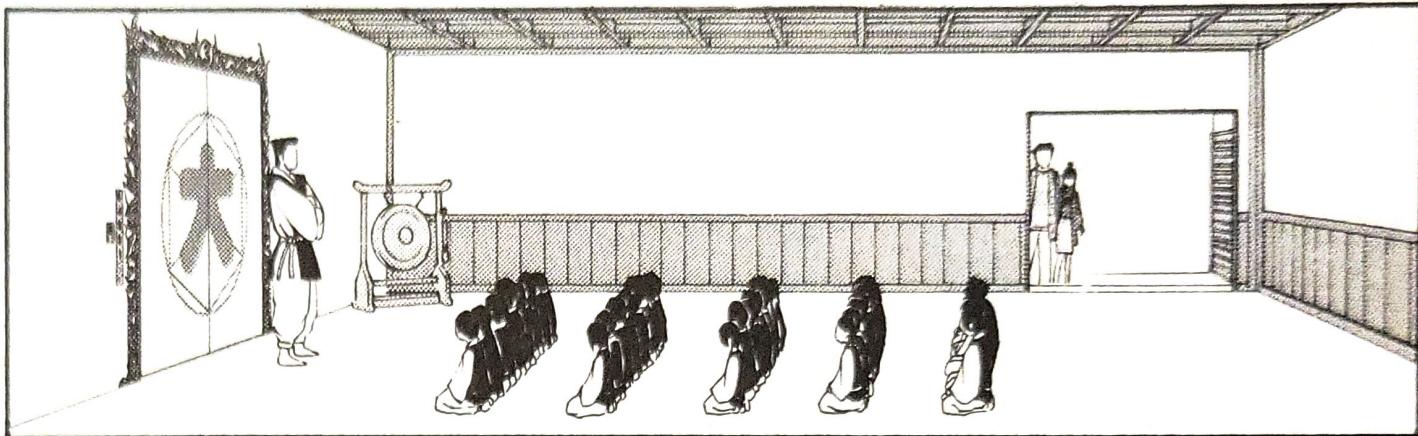


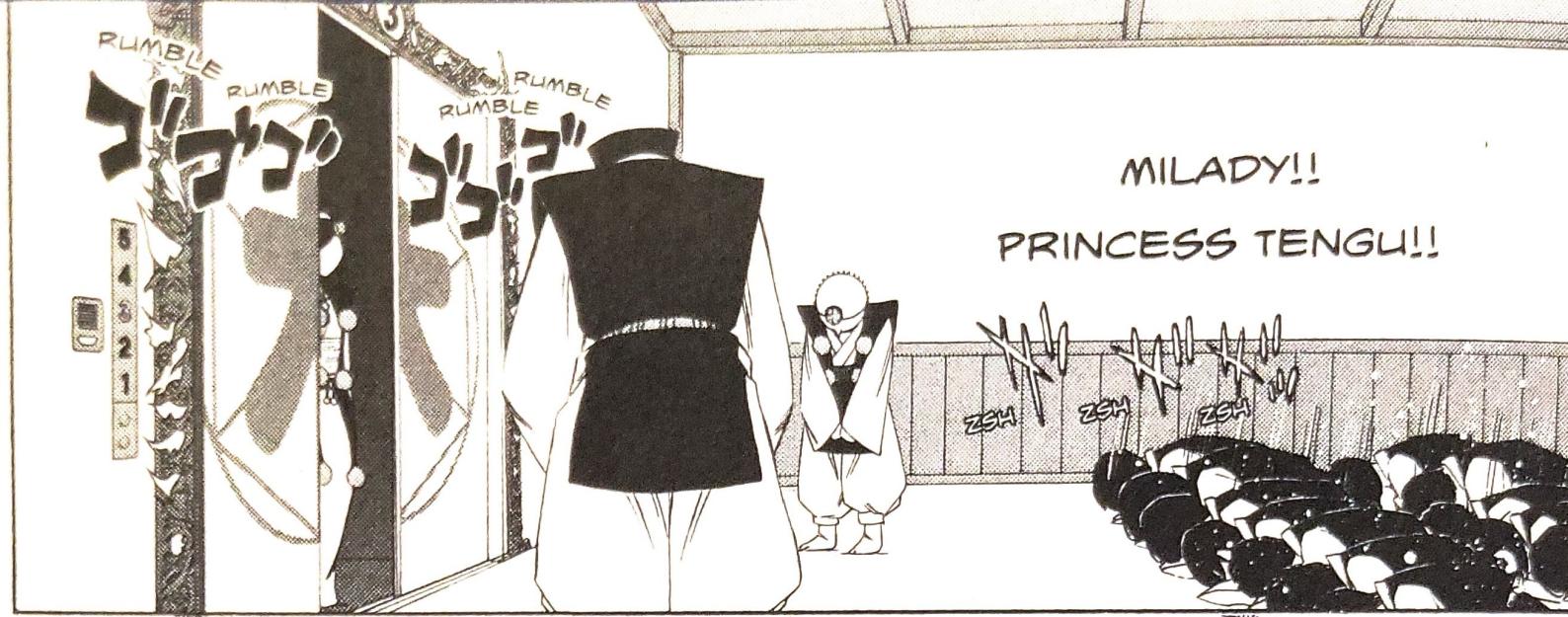
MAKES ME WANT TO WORK HARDER AT MY SPIRIT MEDIUM TRAINING.

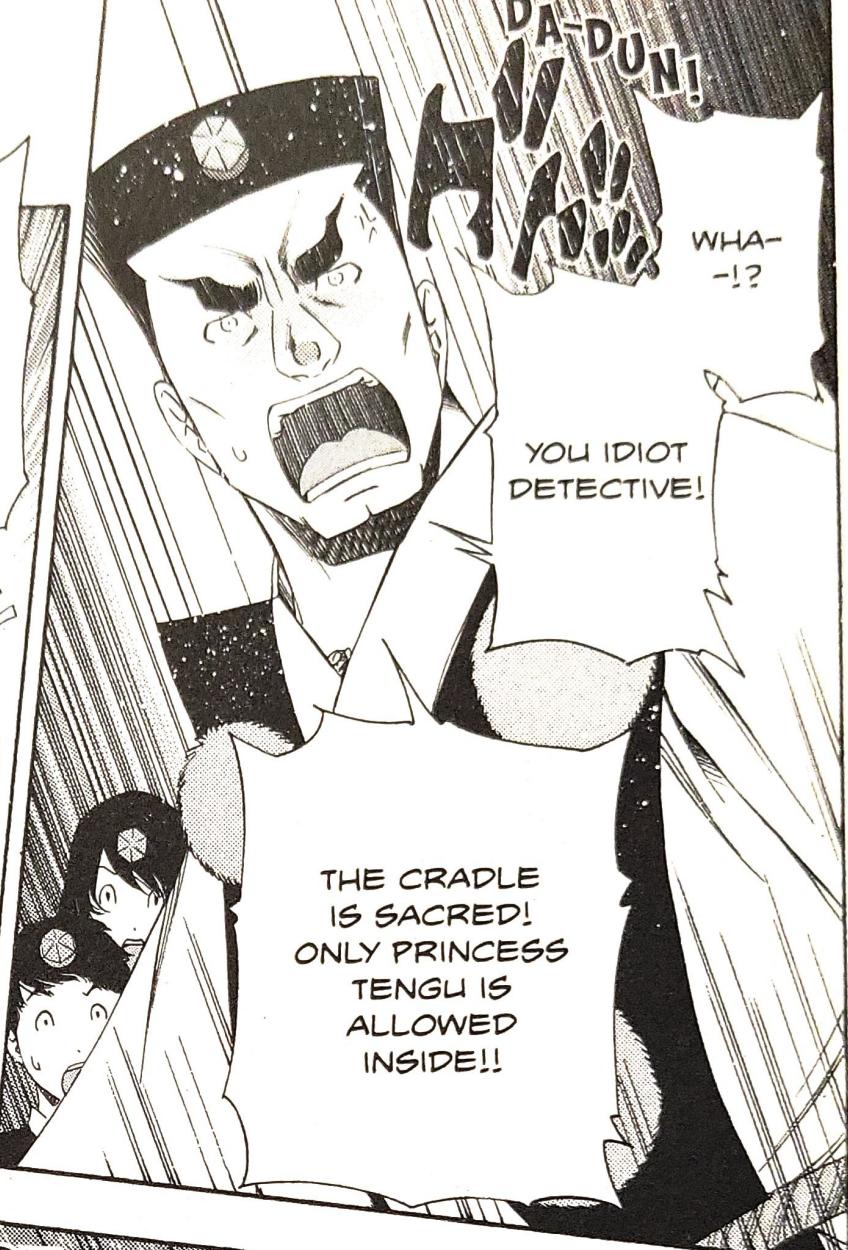




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THE TOWER OF MIRACLES
TRAINING HALL







SHAKING

POWER
TENGU.

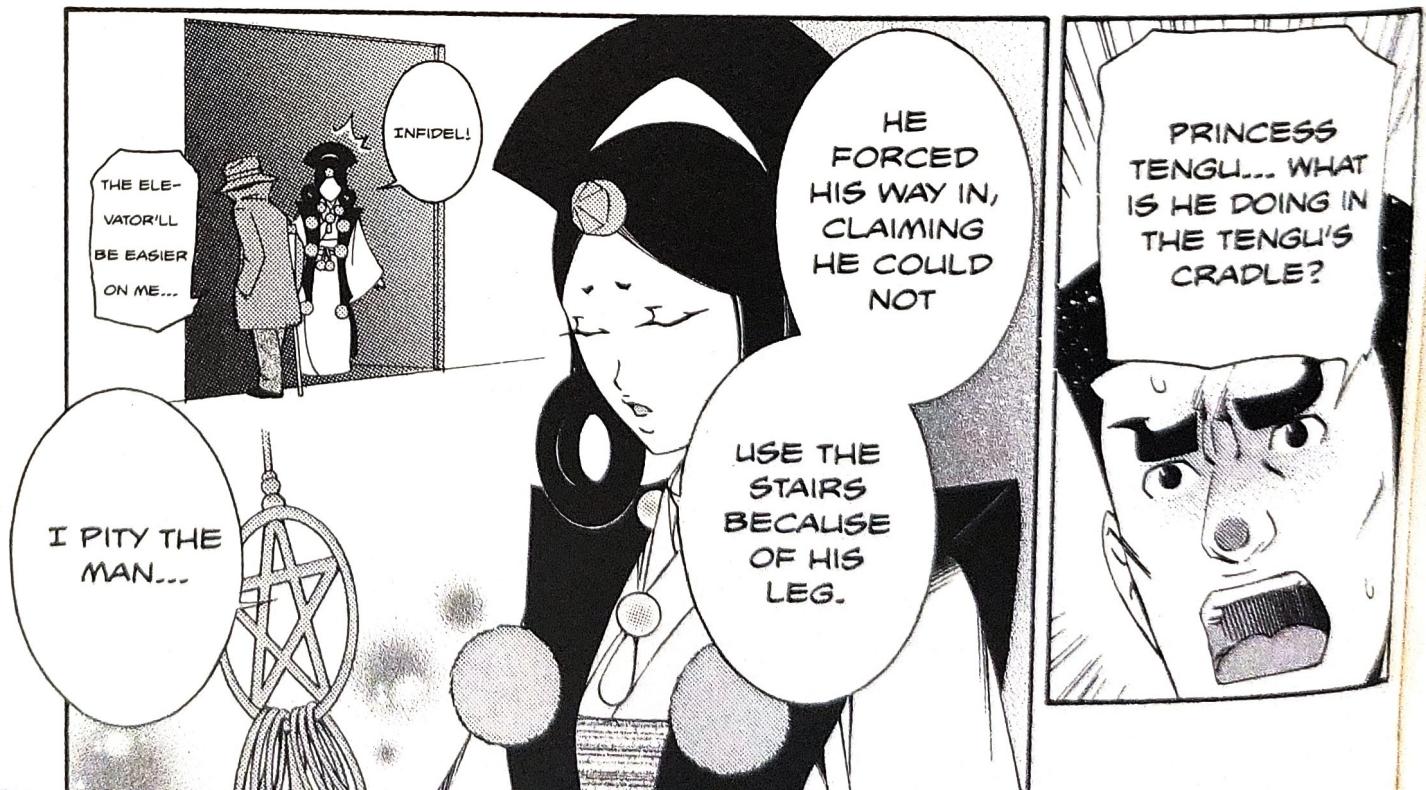
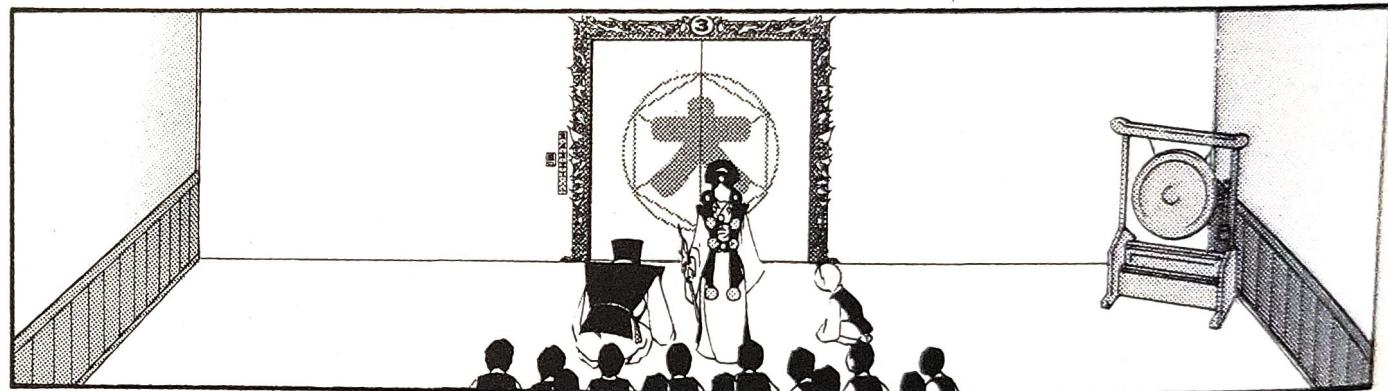
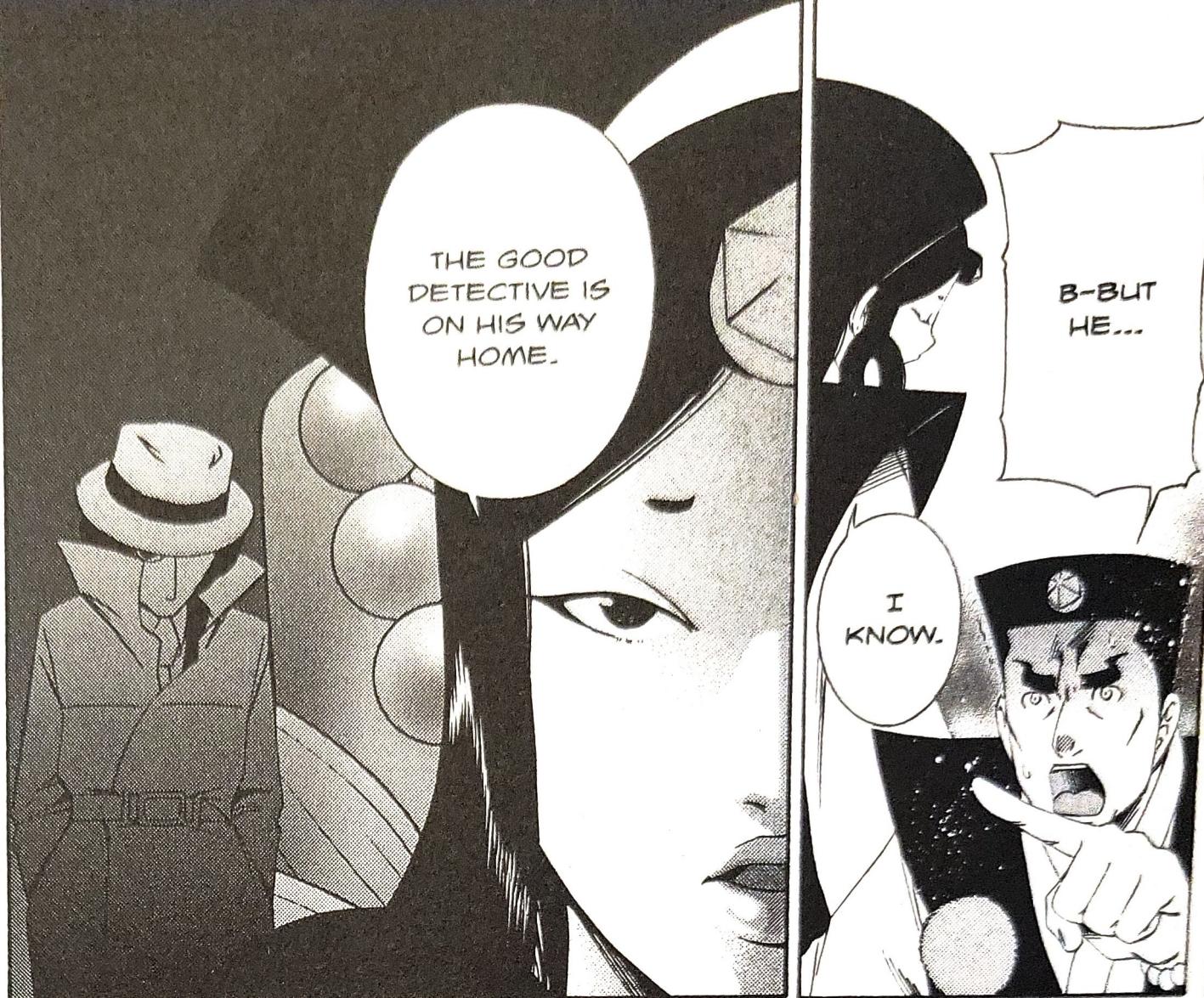
TOUCH STOP

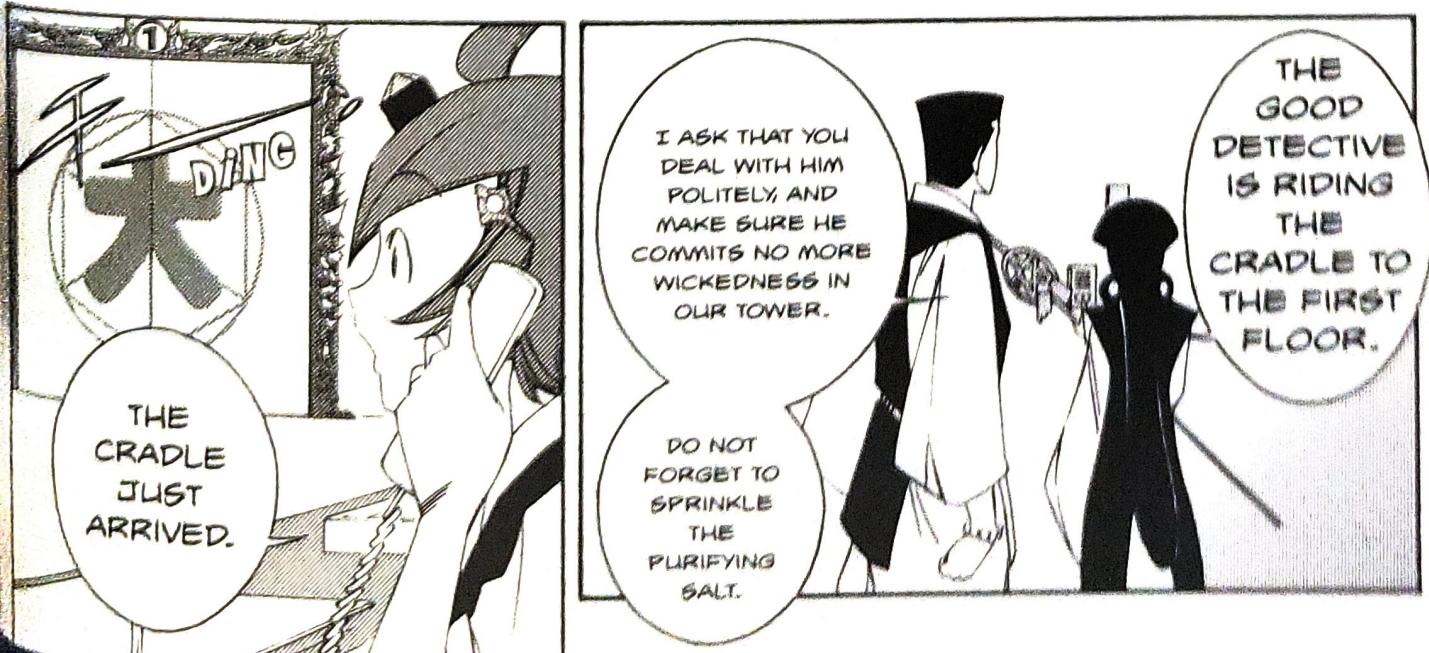
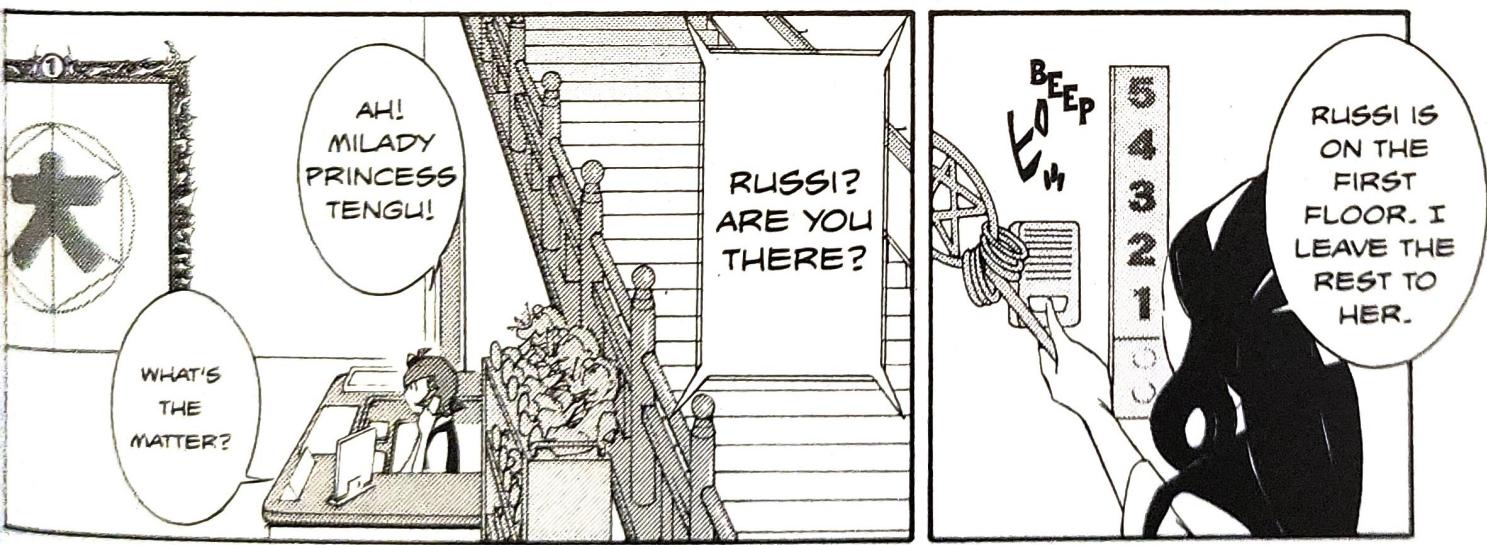
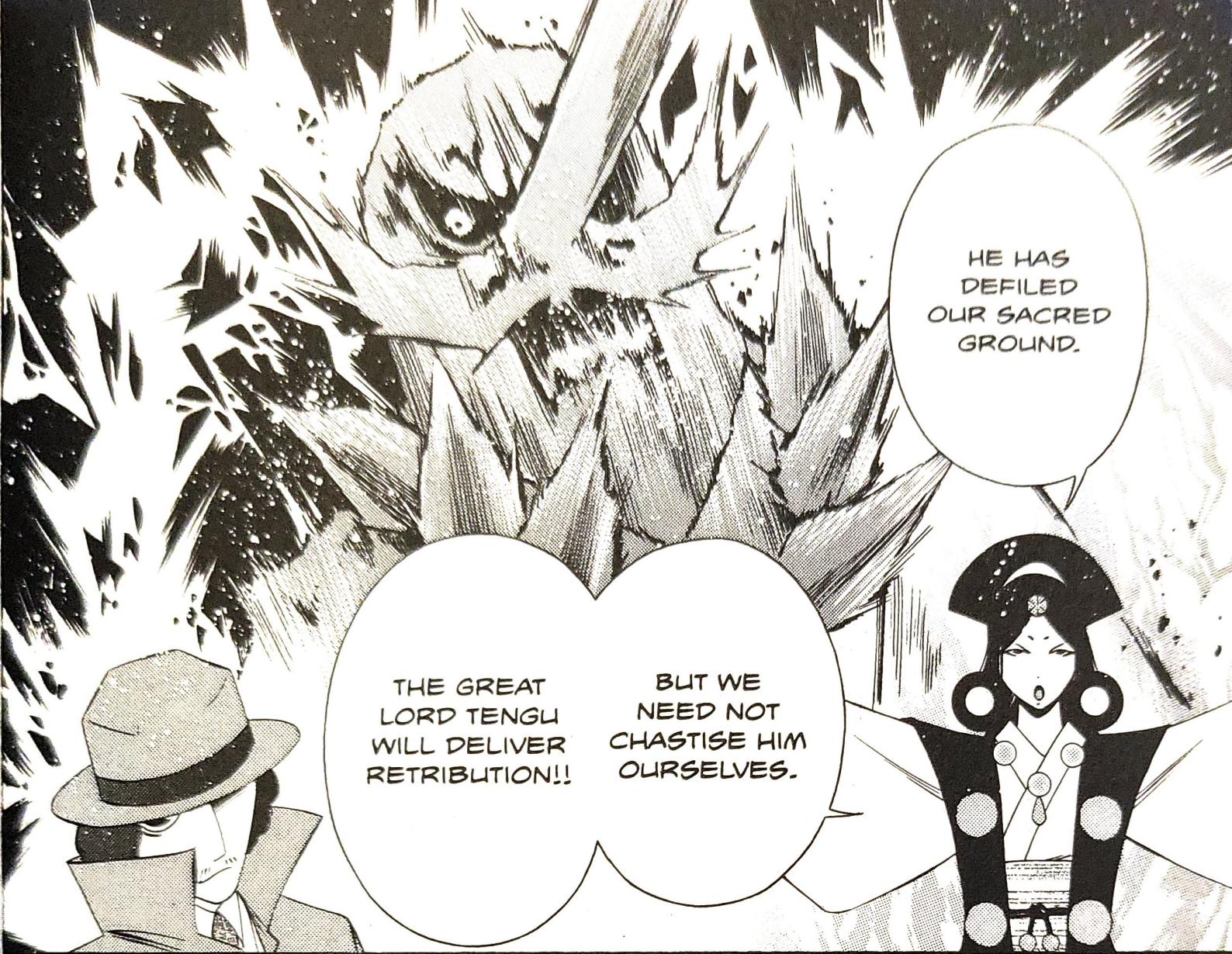
I...I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY!!

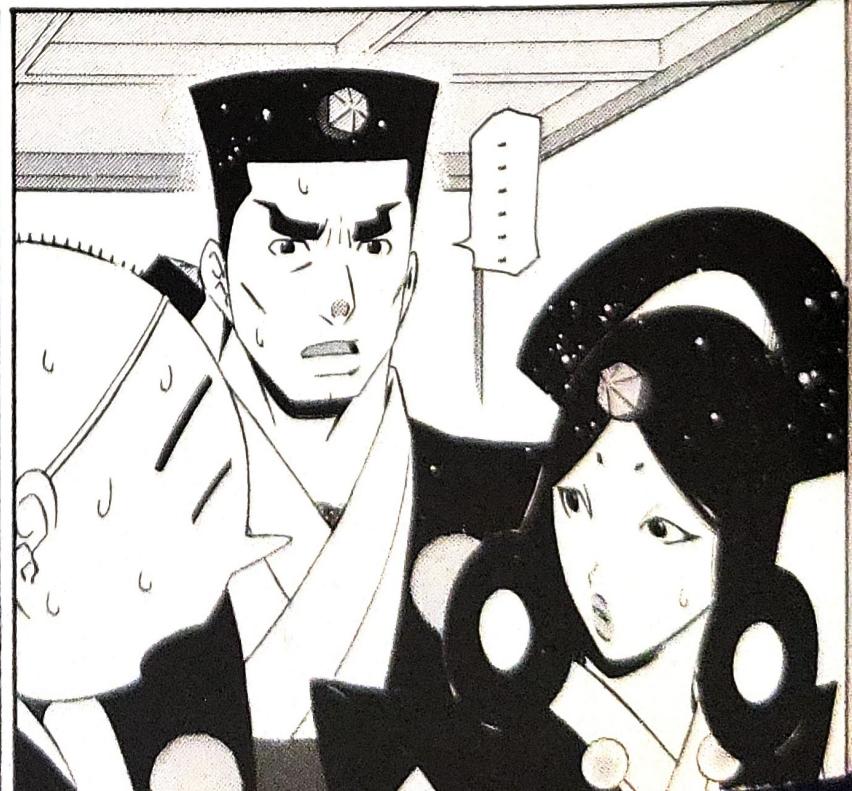
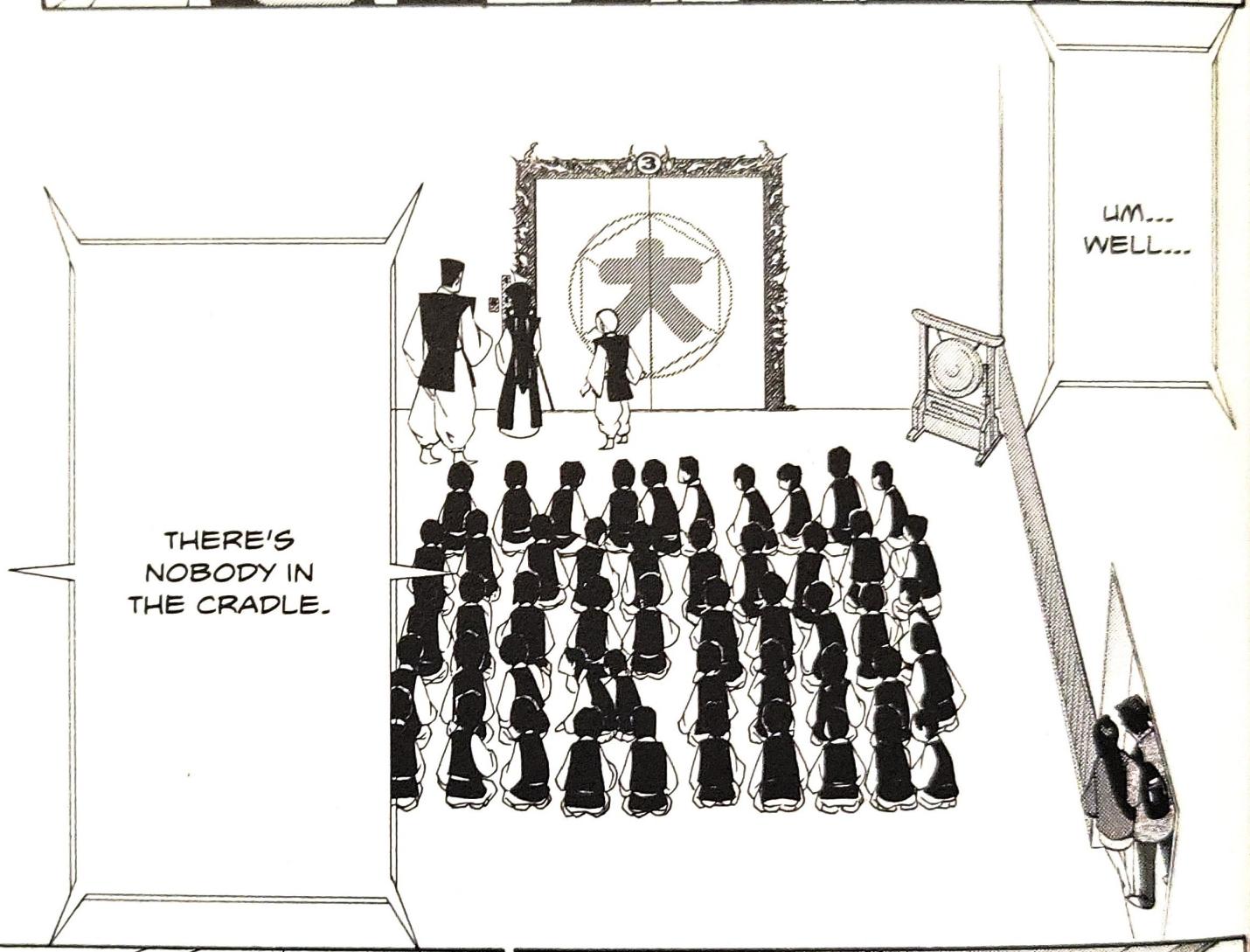
GASP...!

REMOVE
YOURSELF
FROM THE
CRADLE.

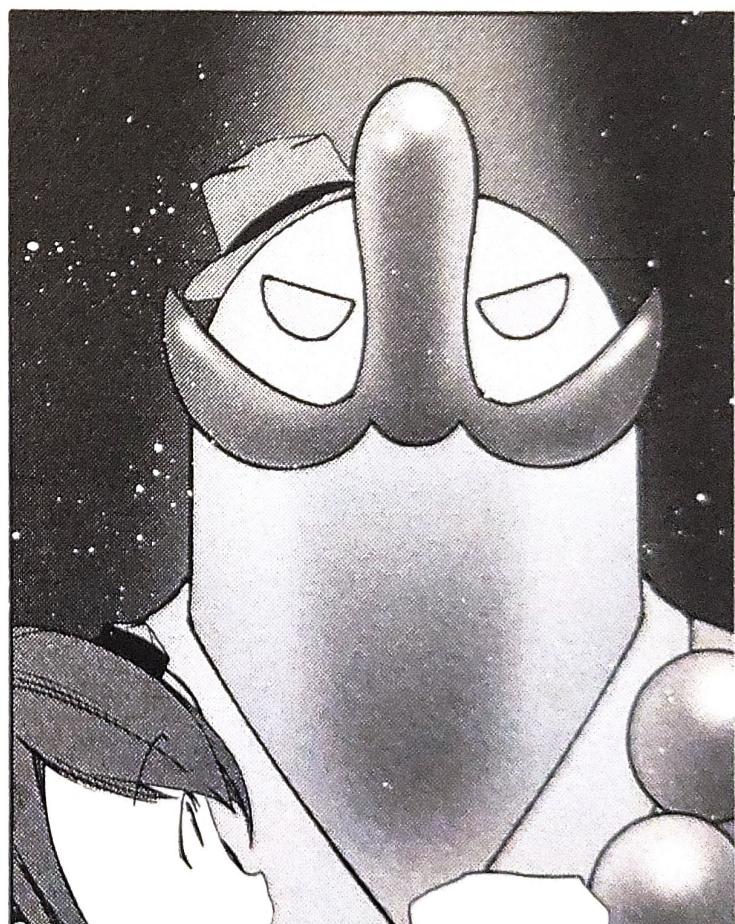
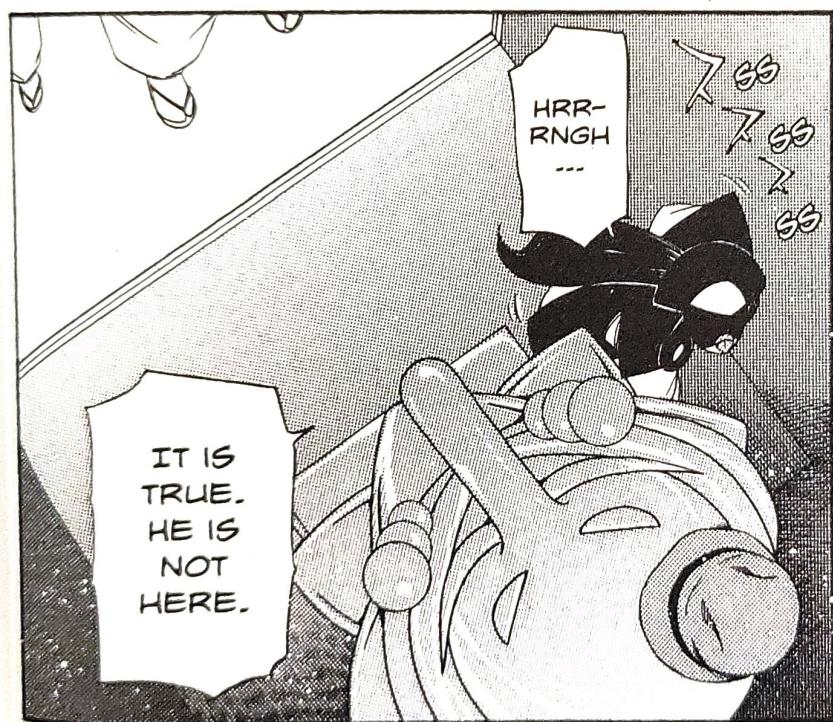
YOU MAY BE
MY SECOND IN
COMMAND, BUT
EVEN YOU ARE
NOT ALLOWED
IN HERE!

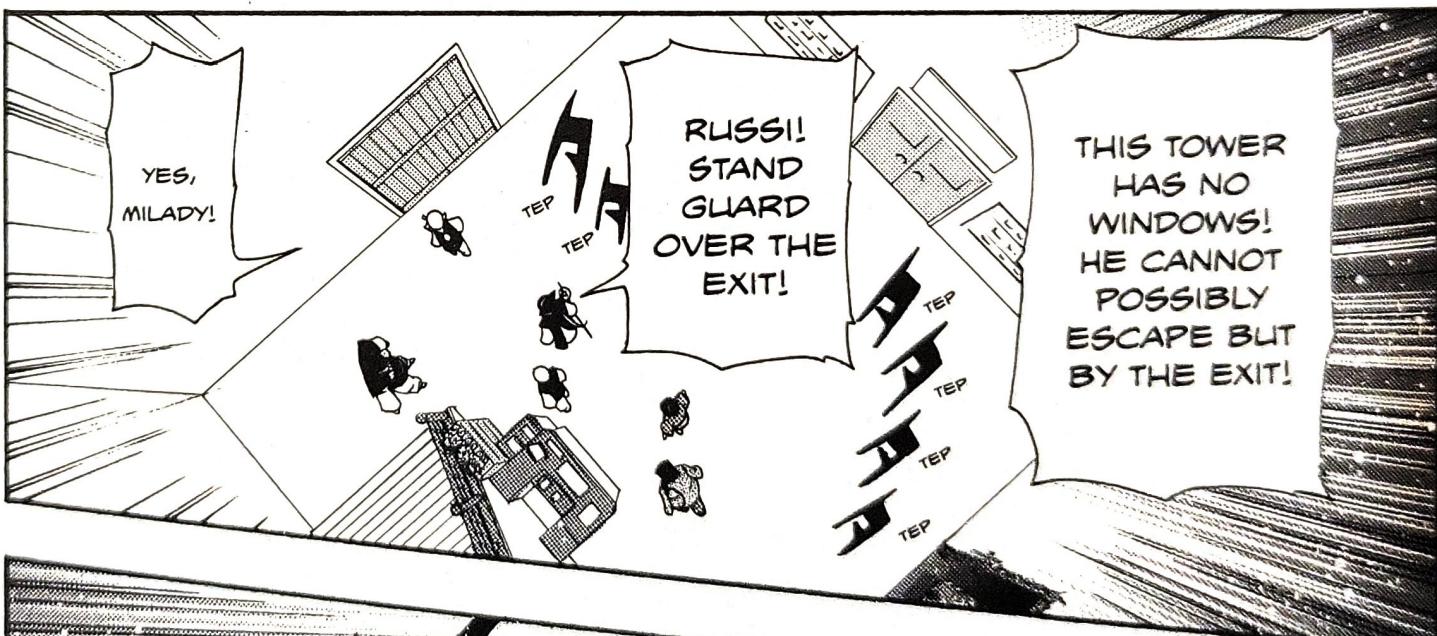
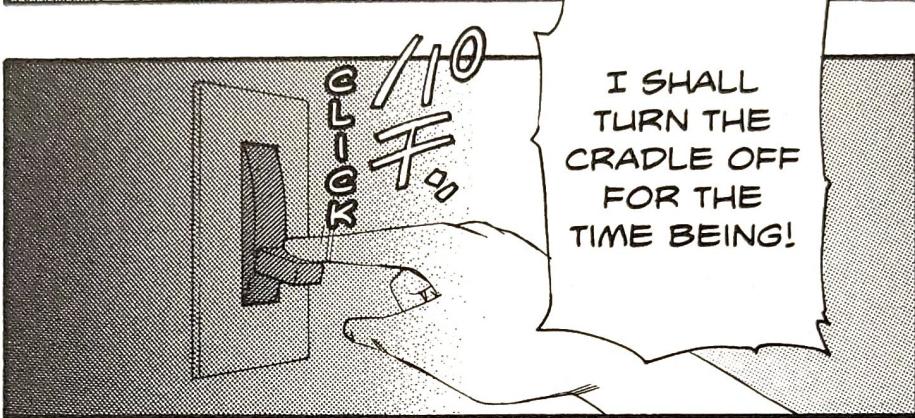
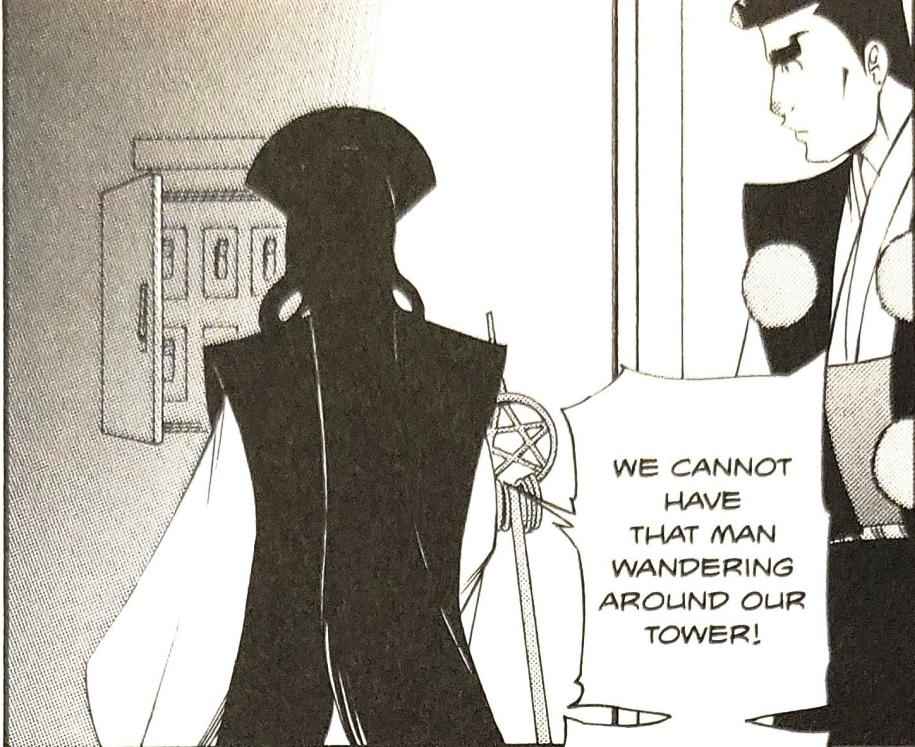




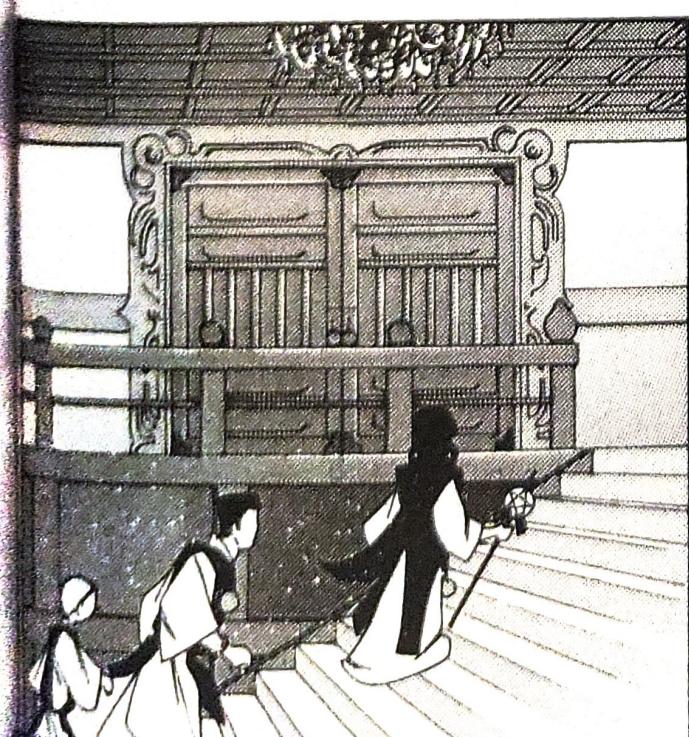
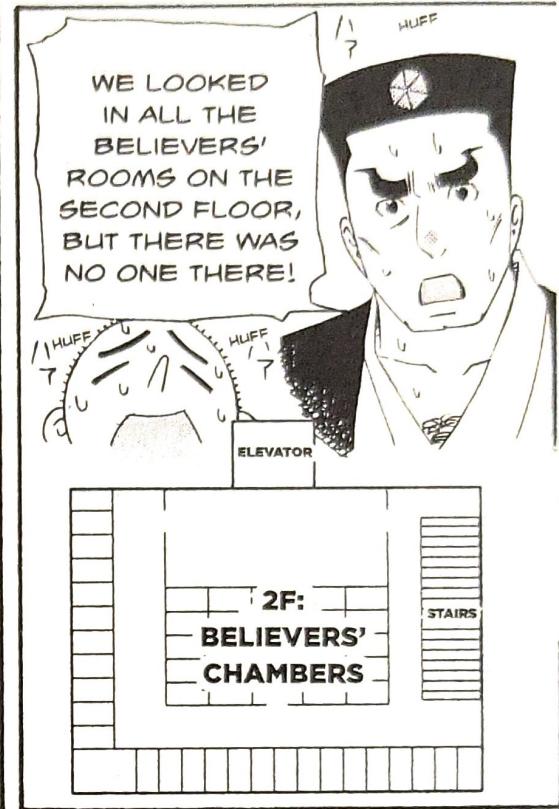
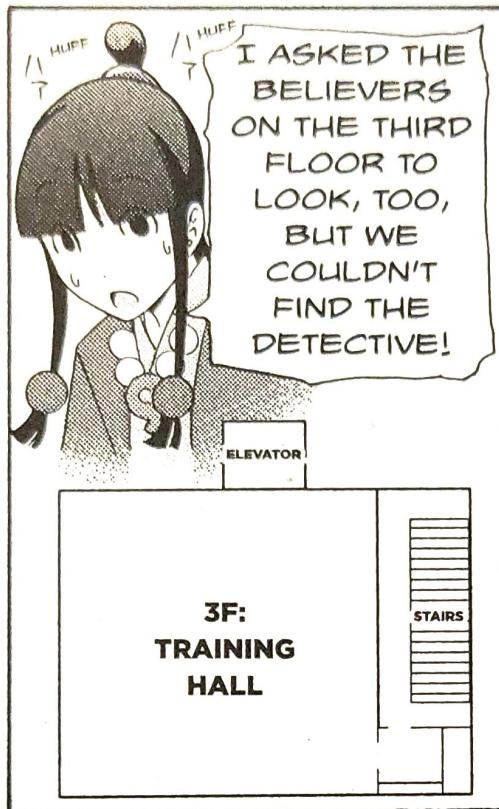
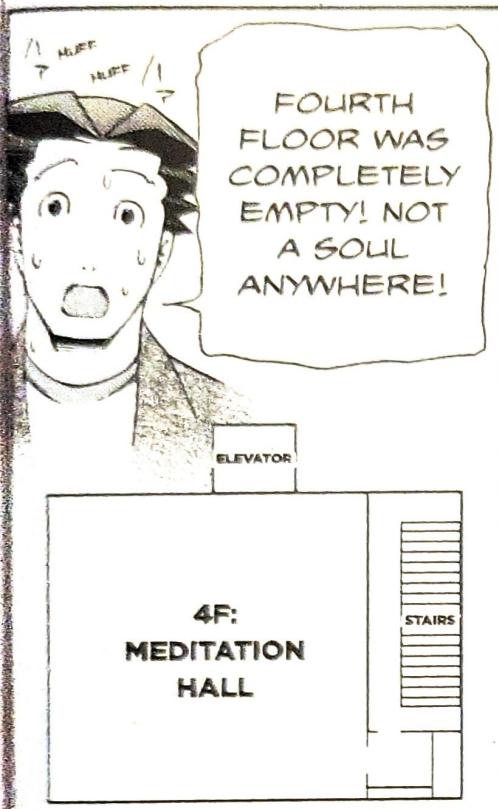


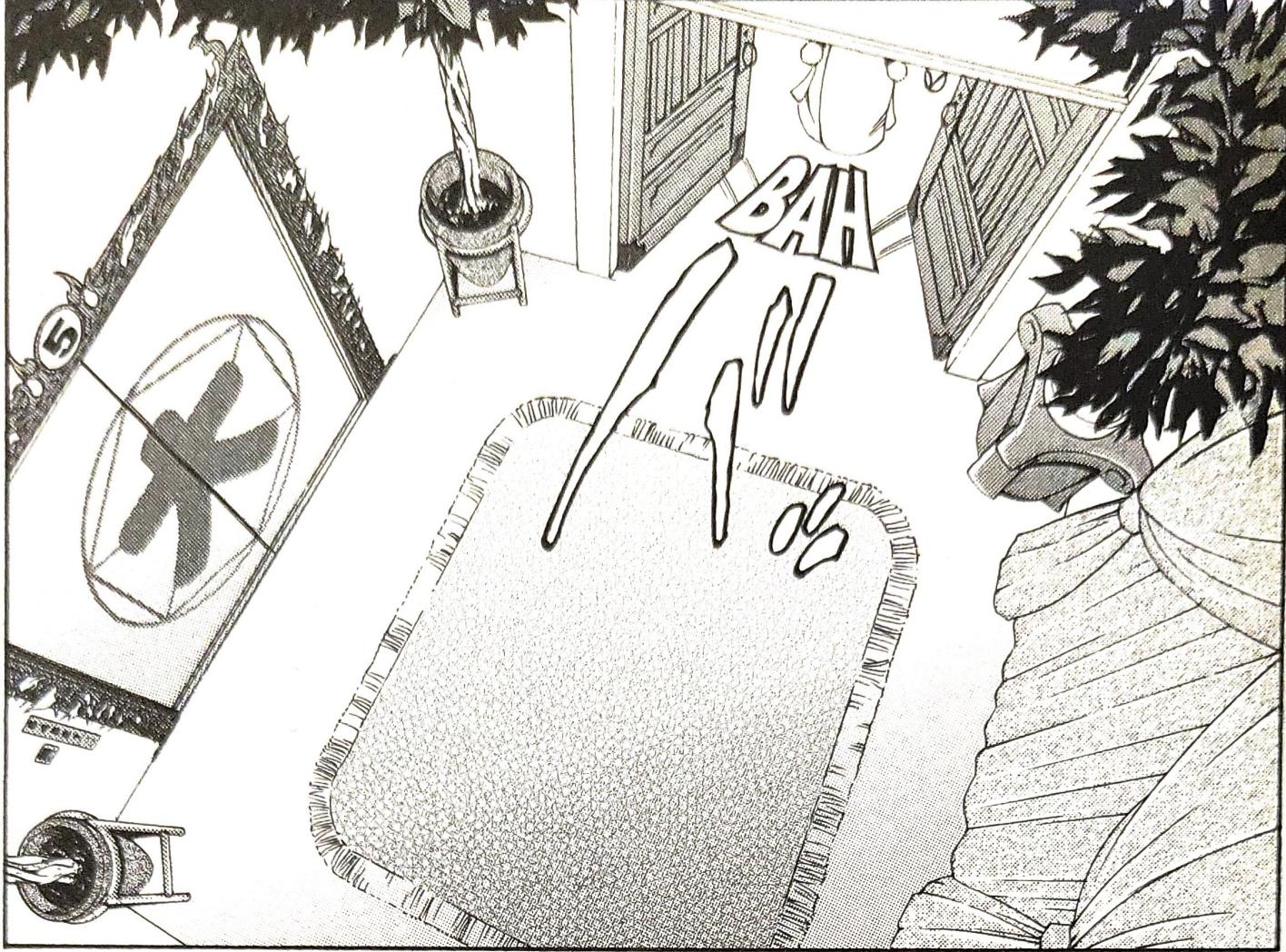
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THE TOWER OF MIRACLES
FIRST FLOOR ENTRANCE

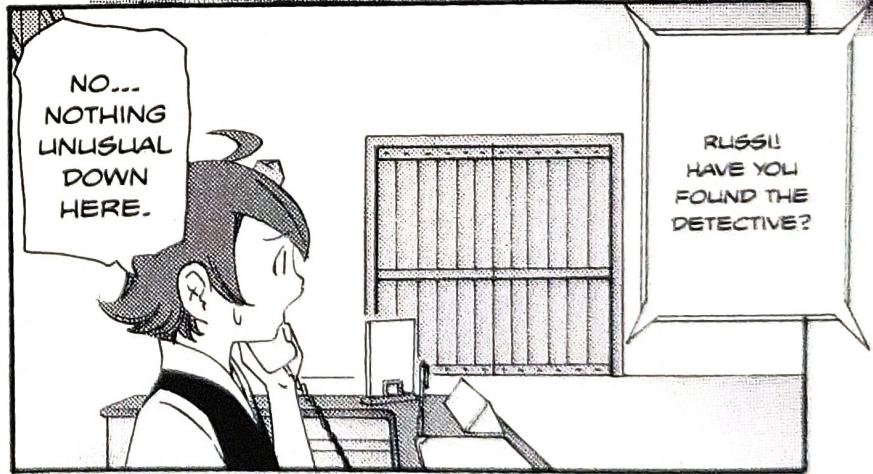
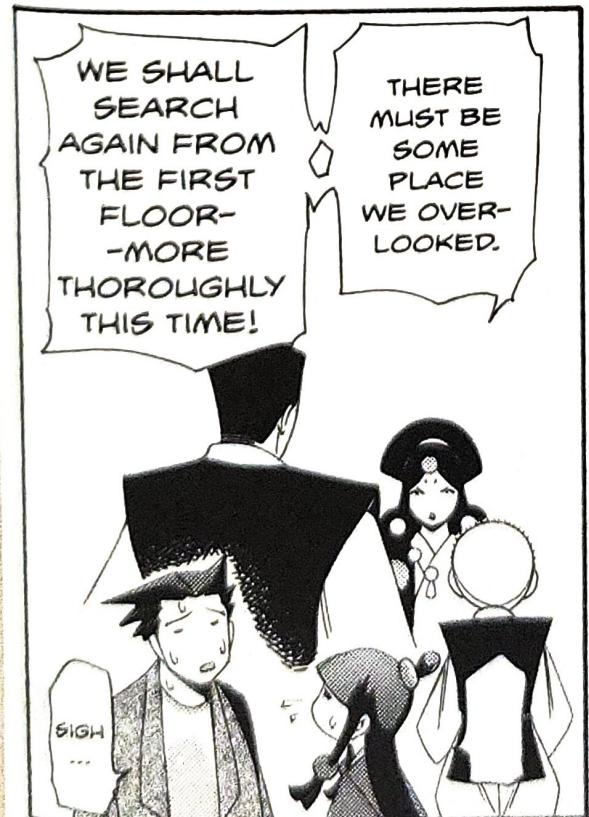
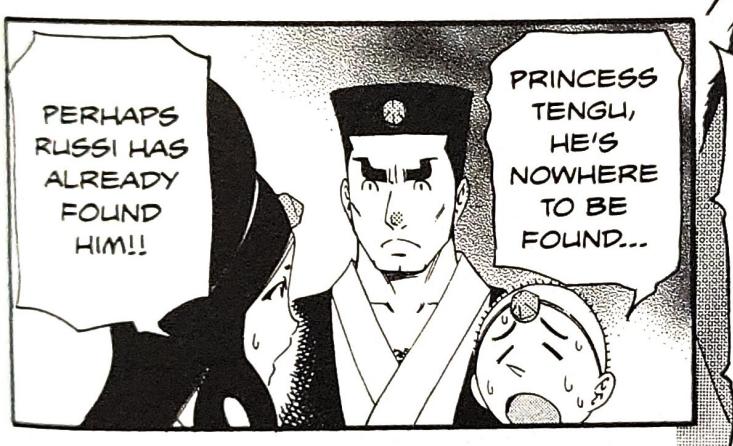
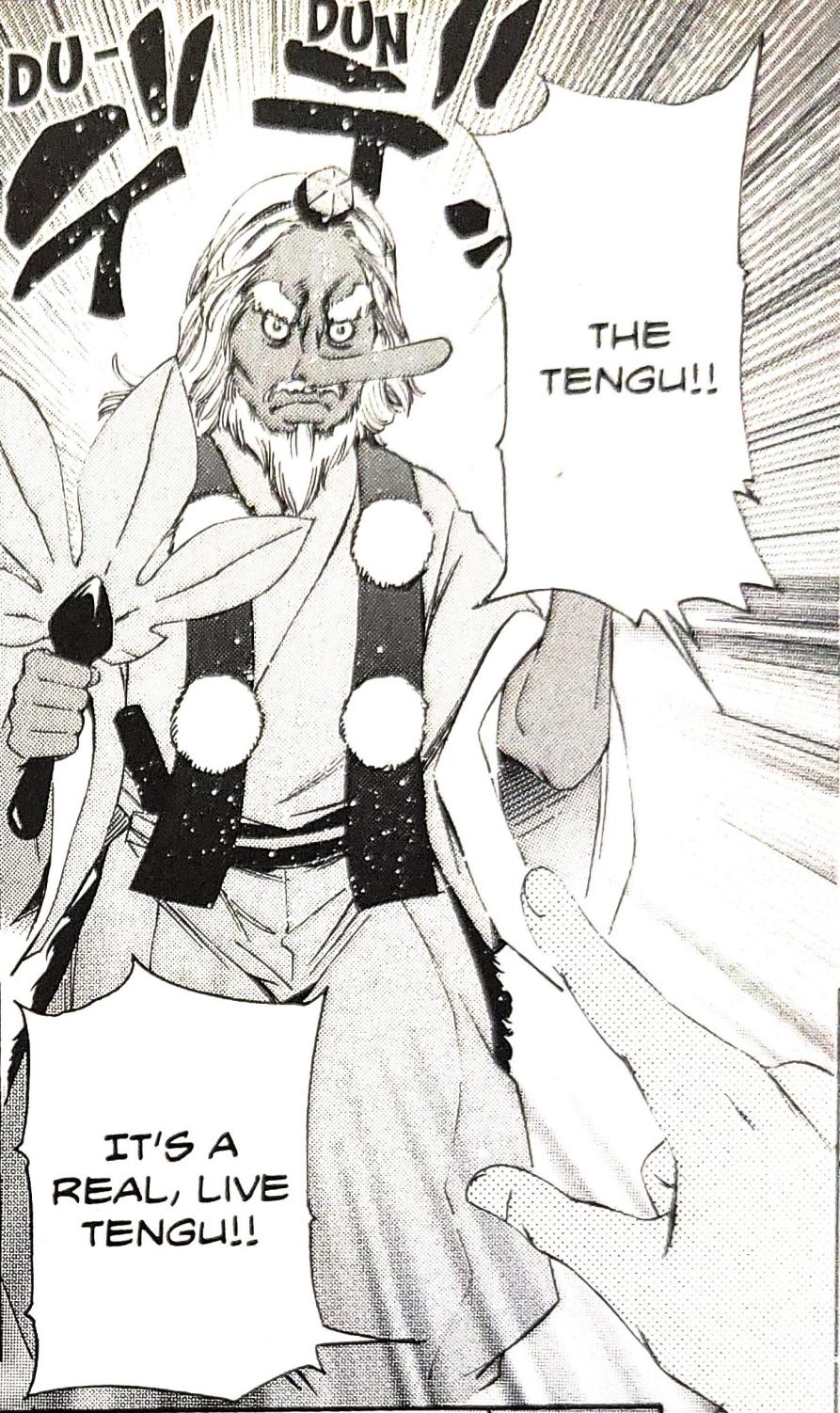
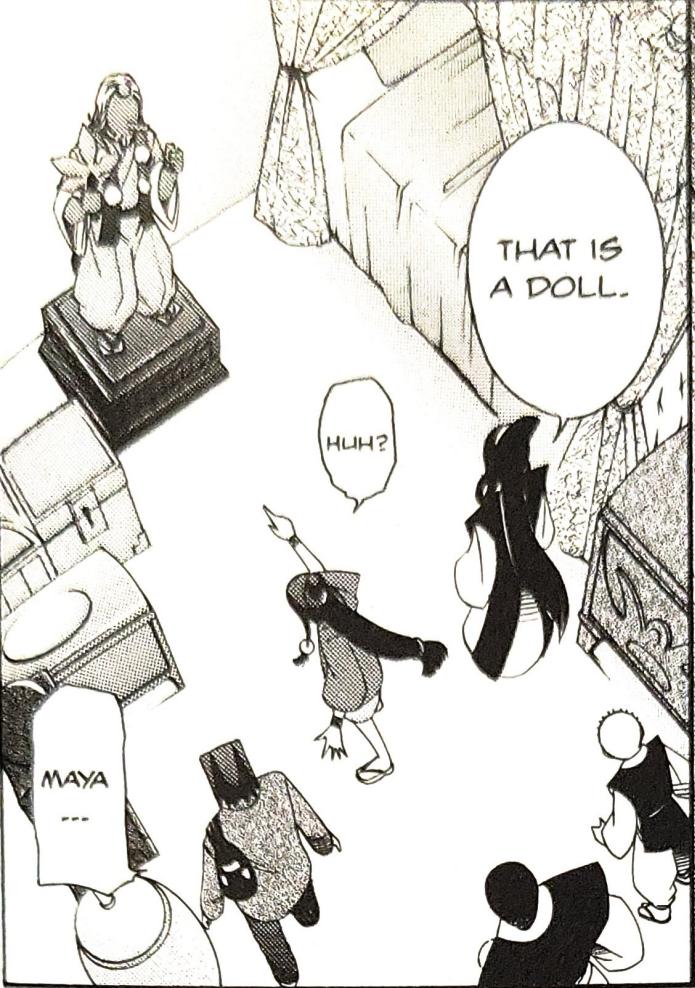


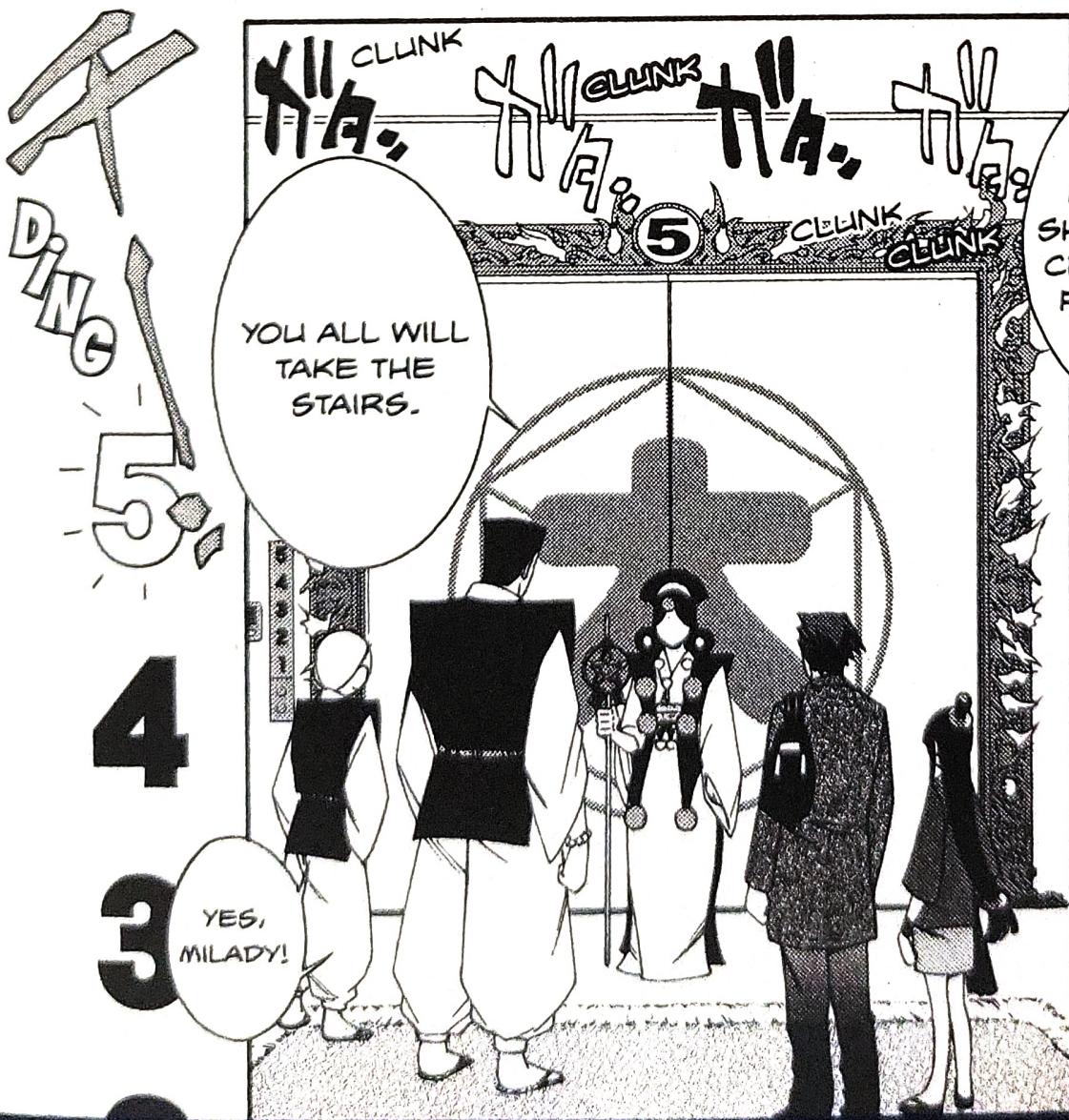
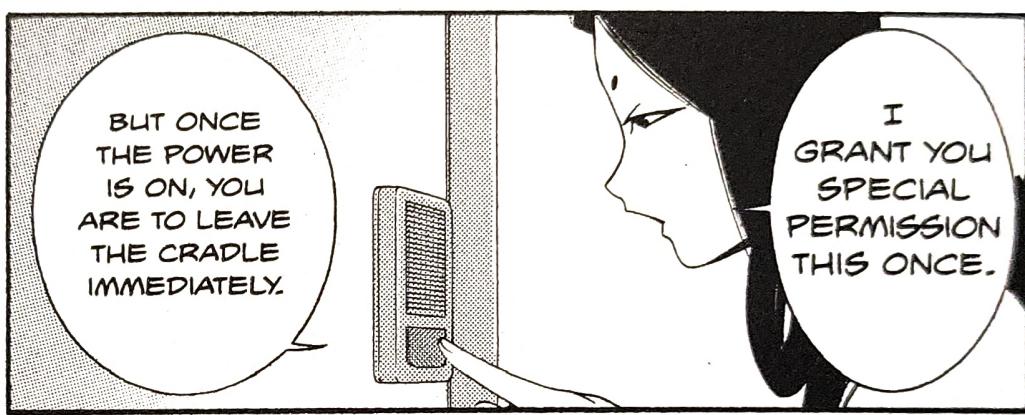
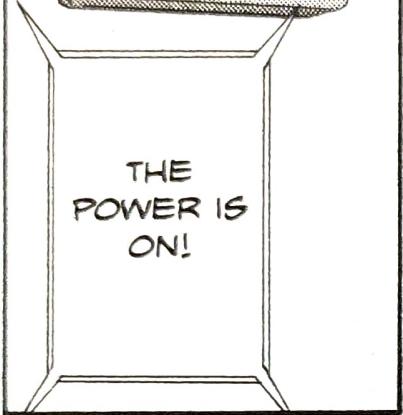
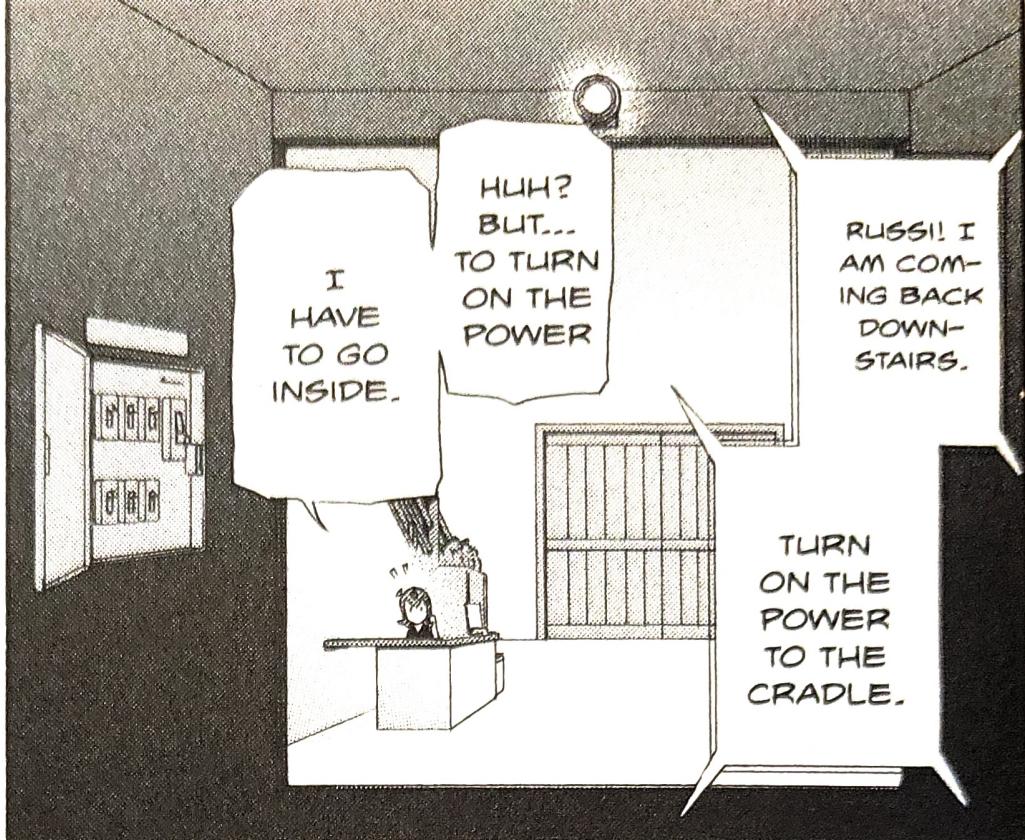


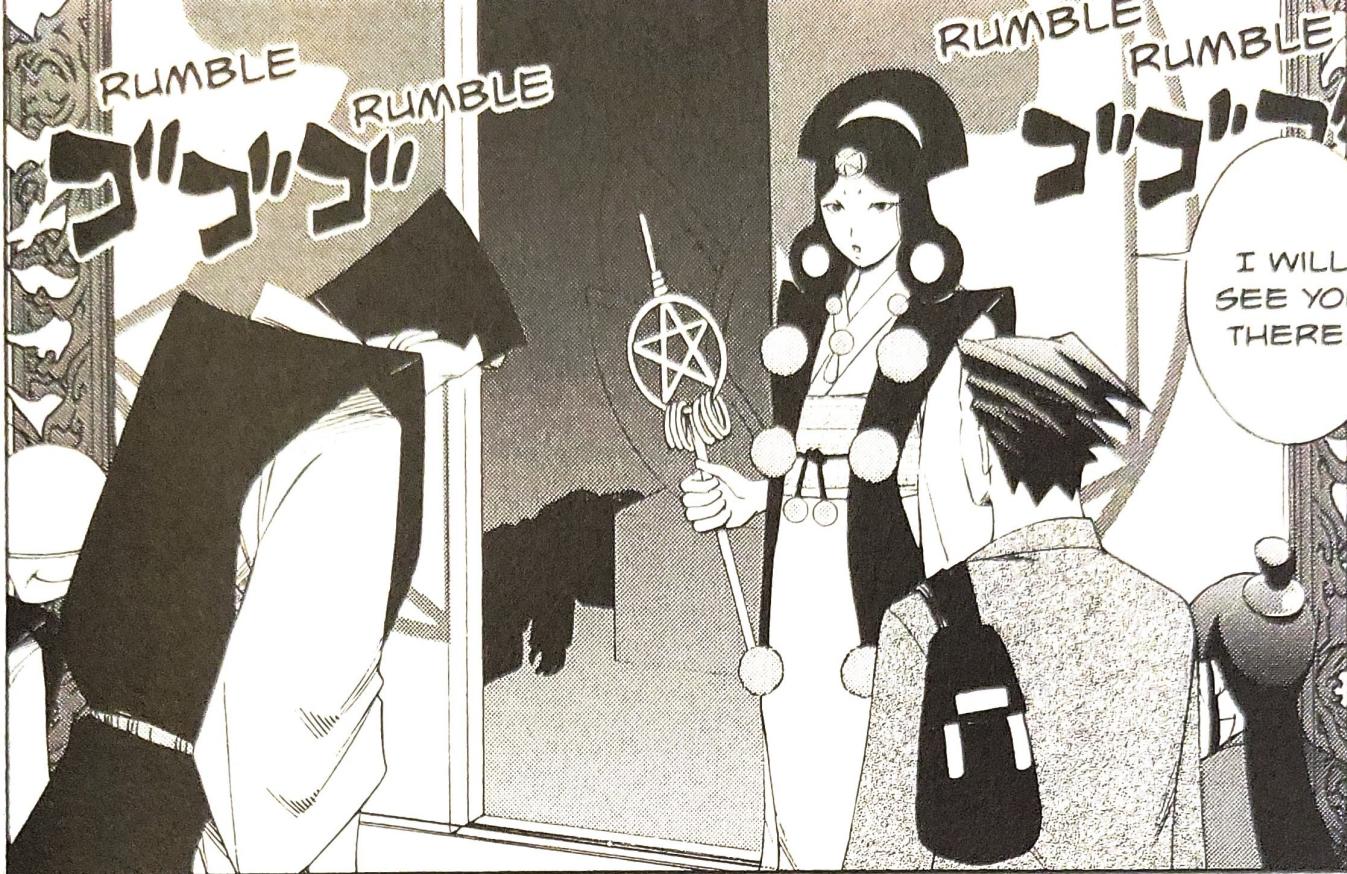
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THE TOWER OF MIRACLES
SF PRINCESS TENGU'S CHAMBERS



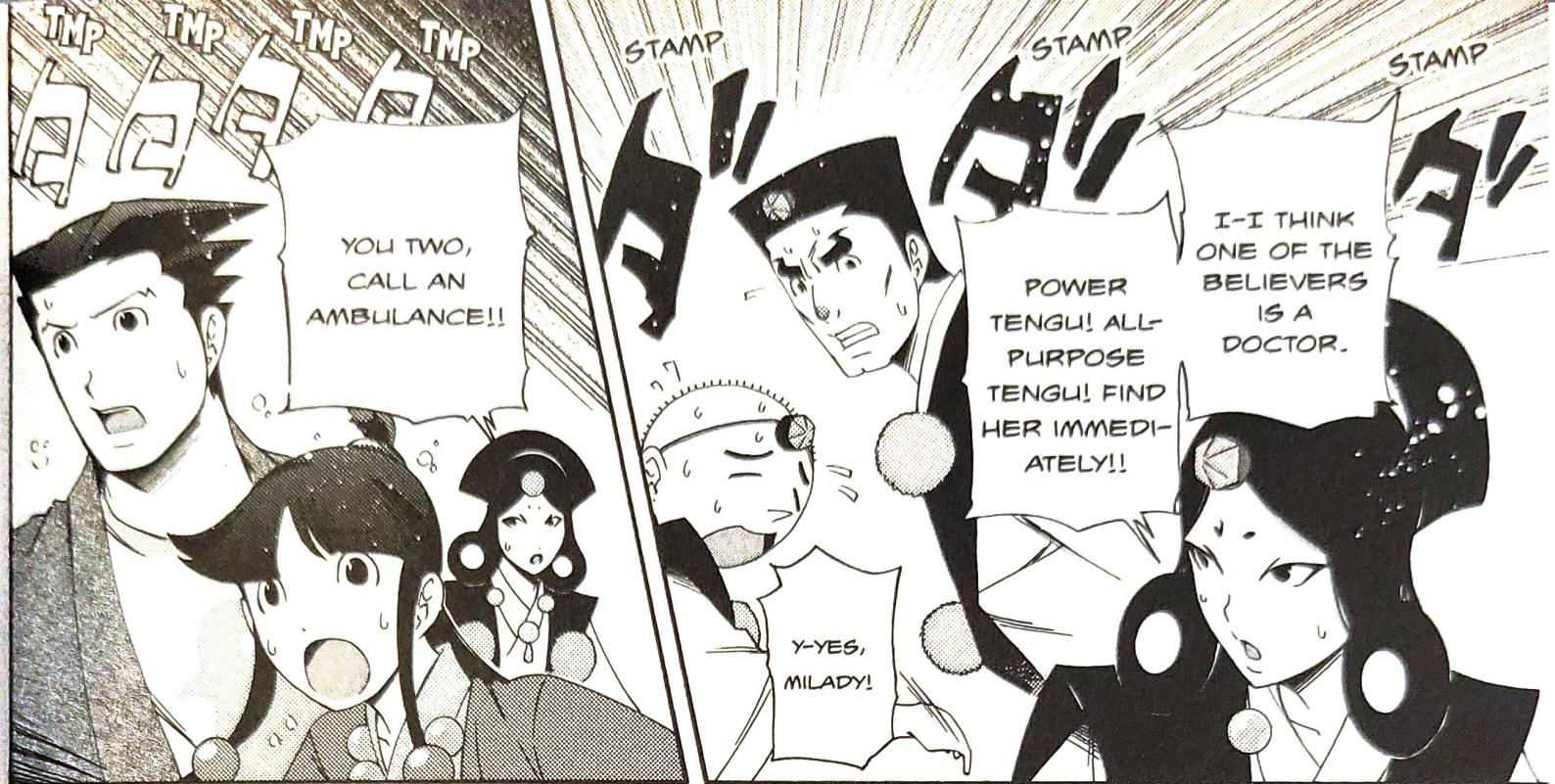




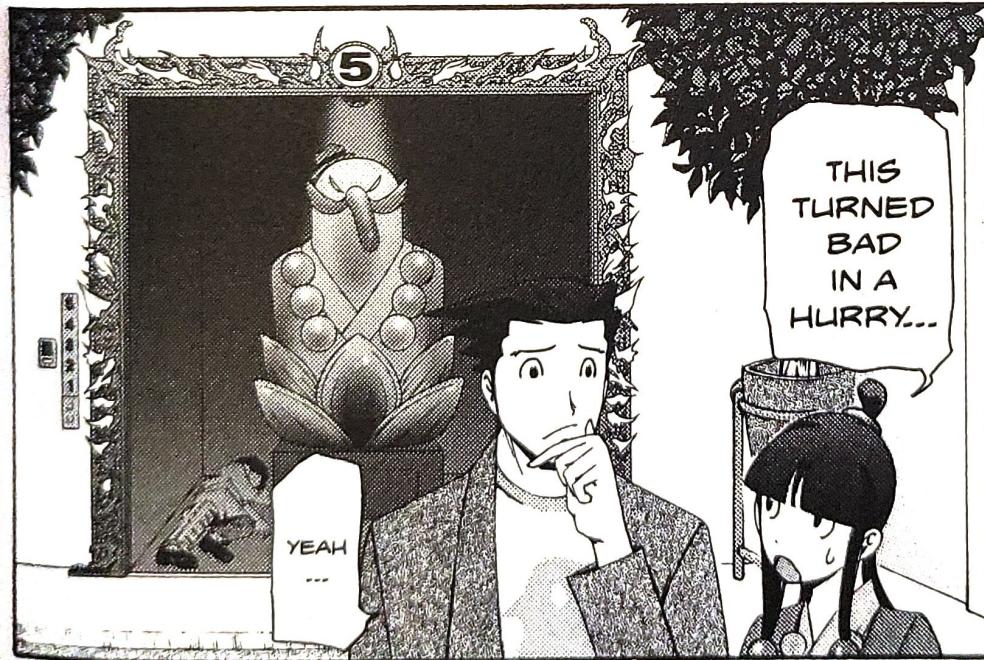


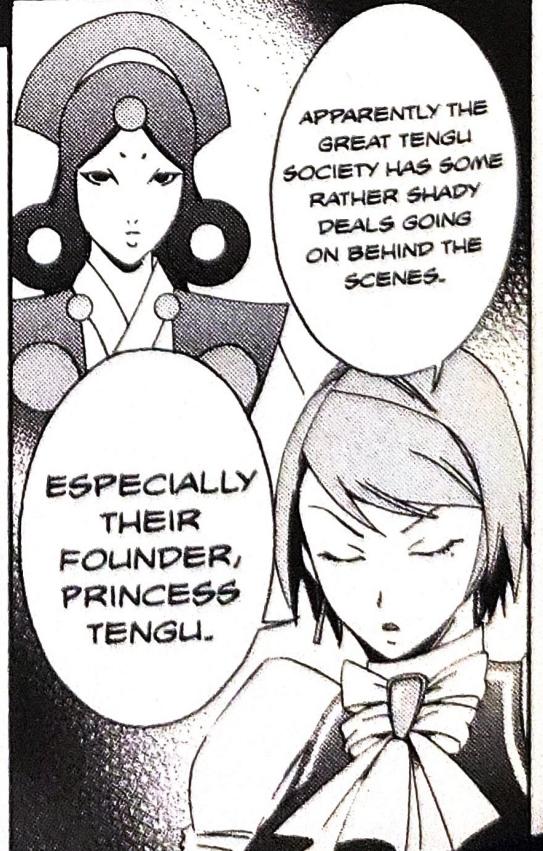
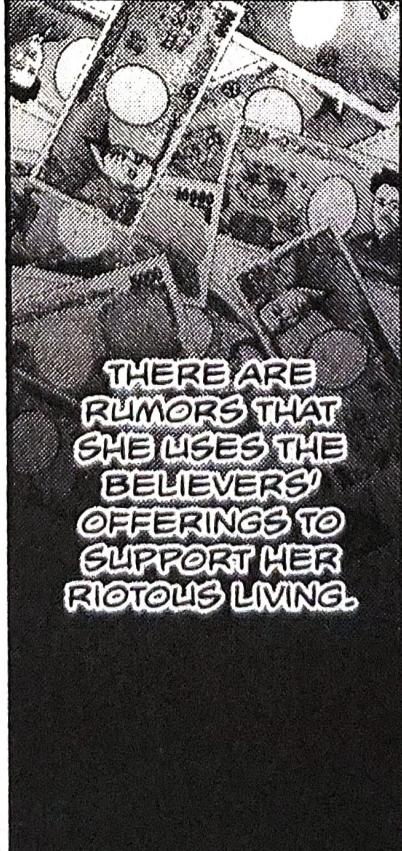
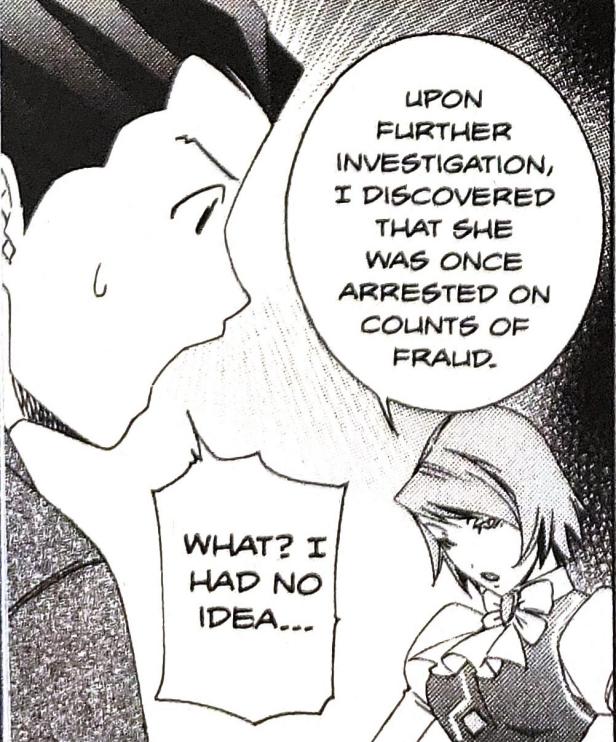
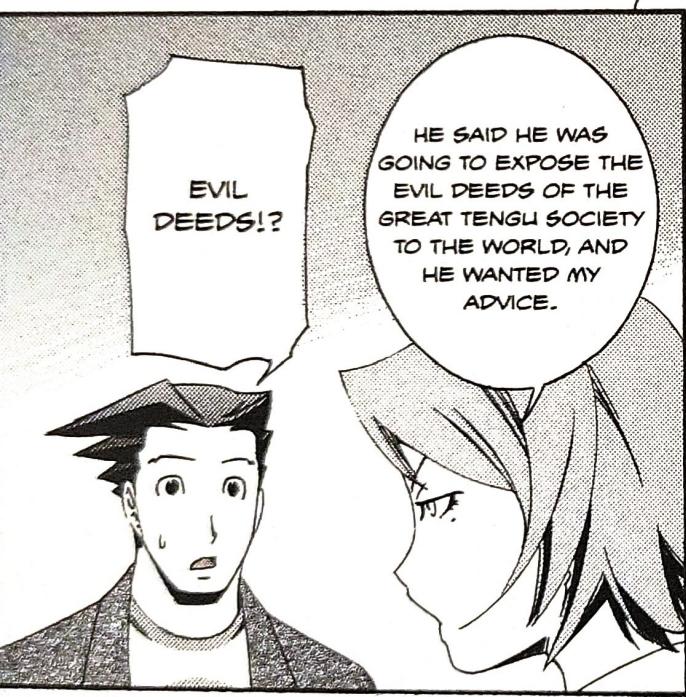
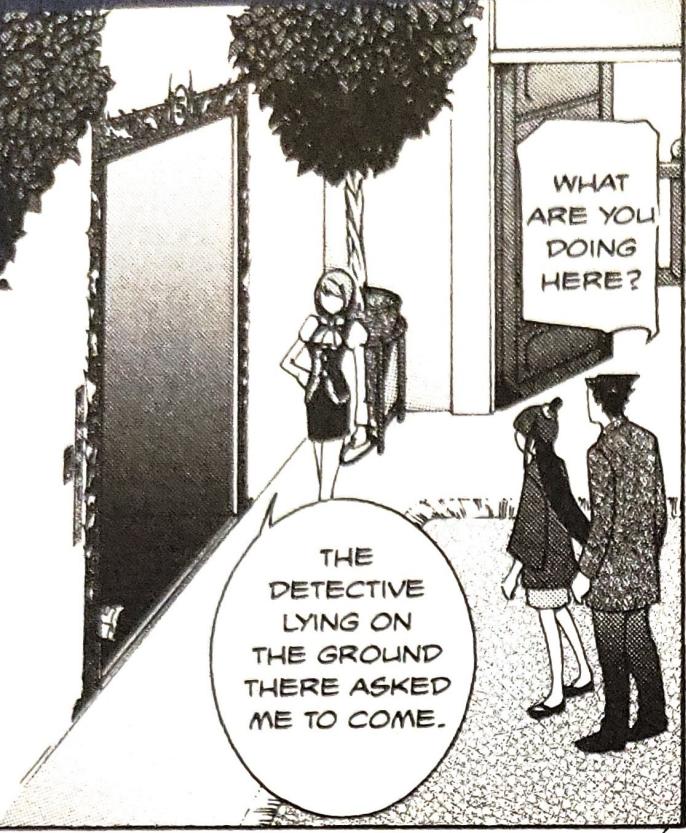


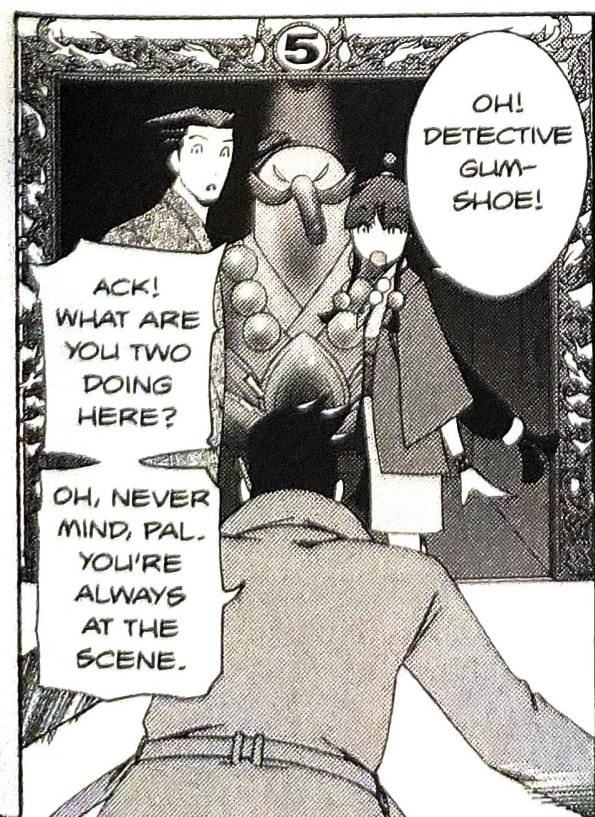
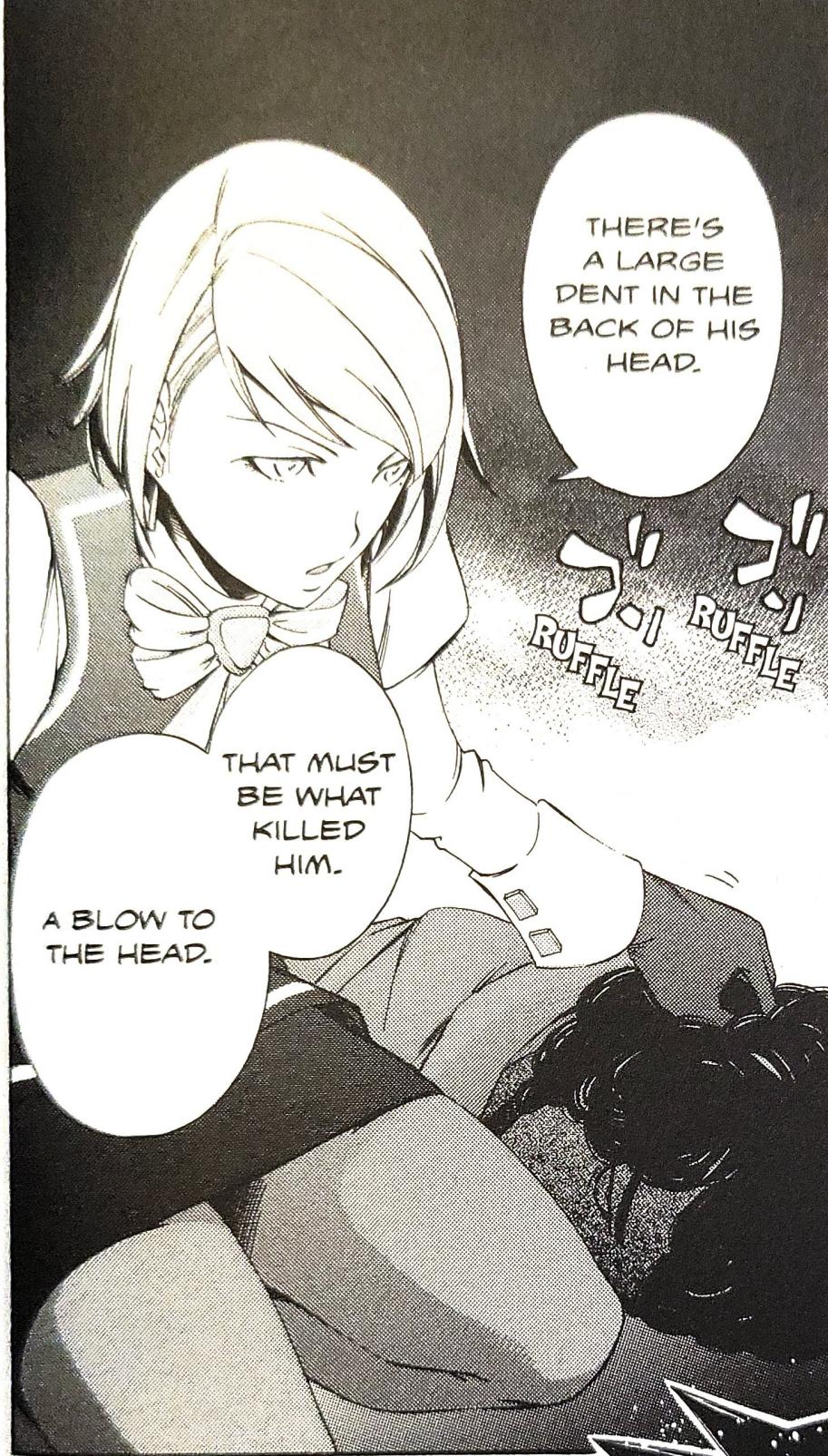


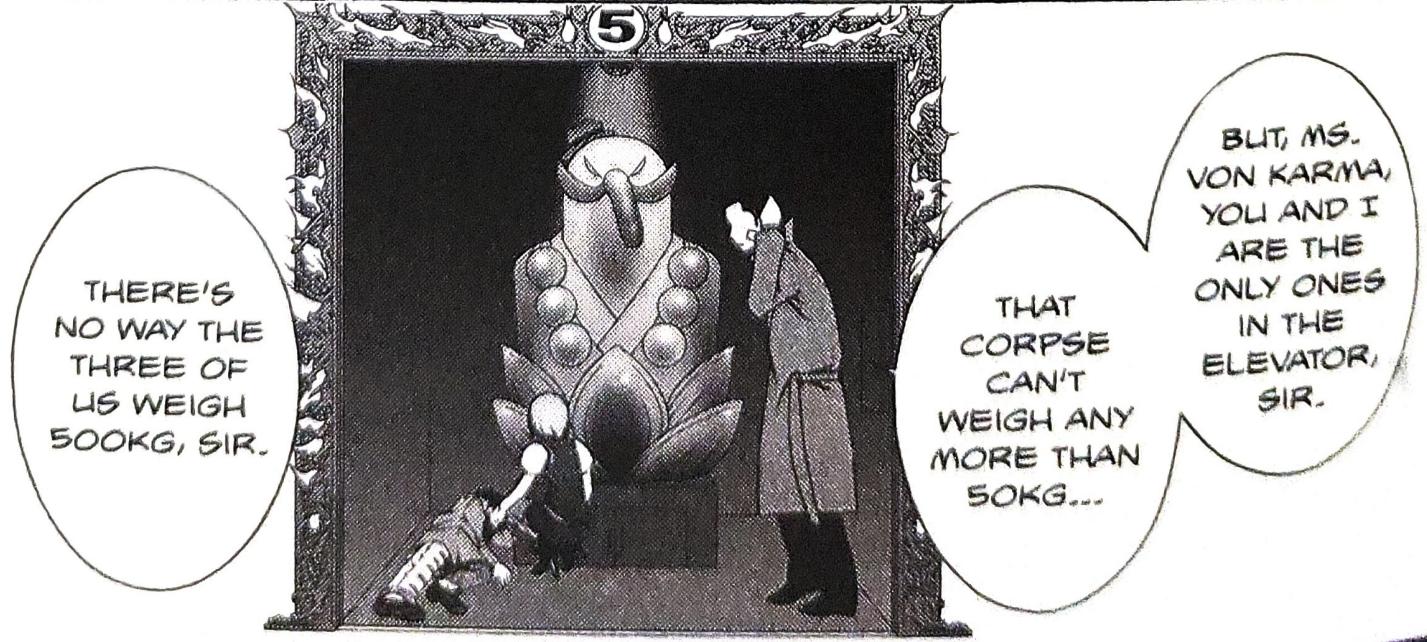
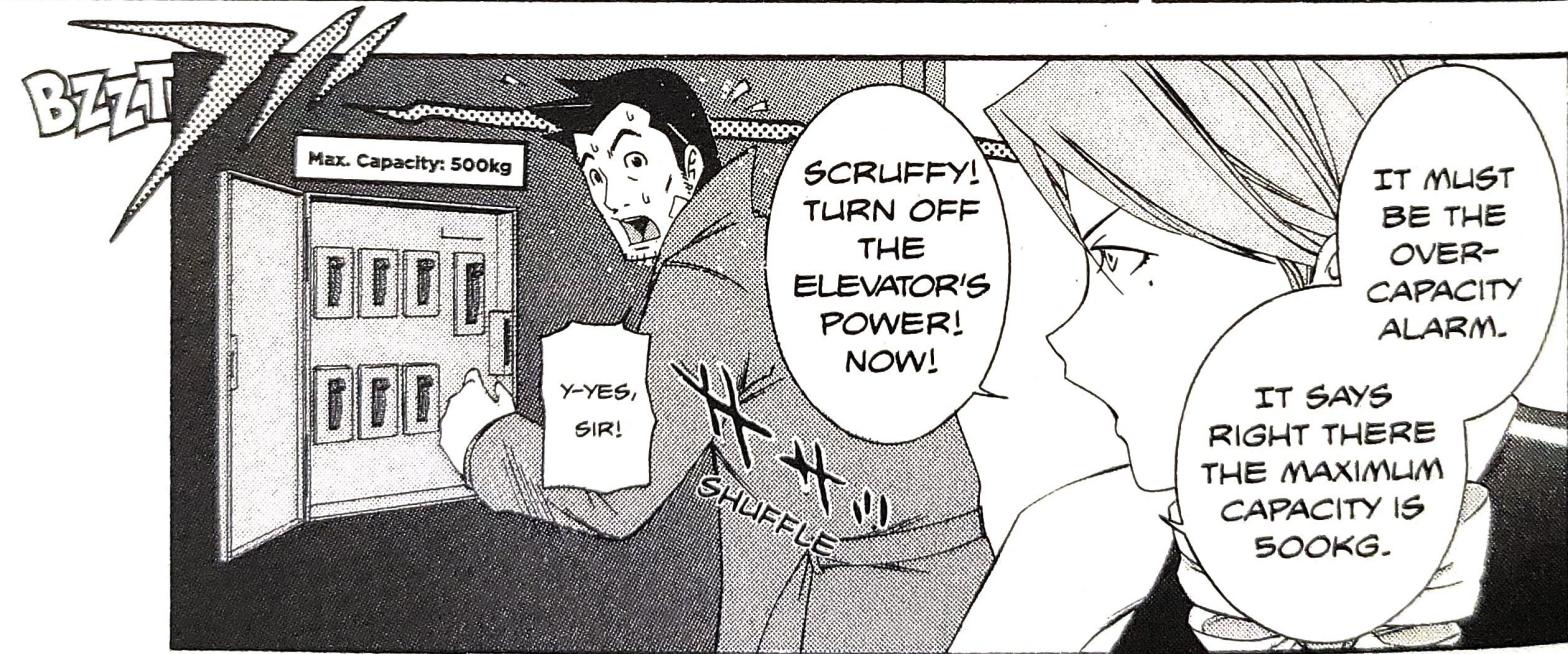
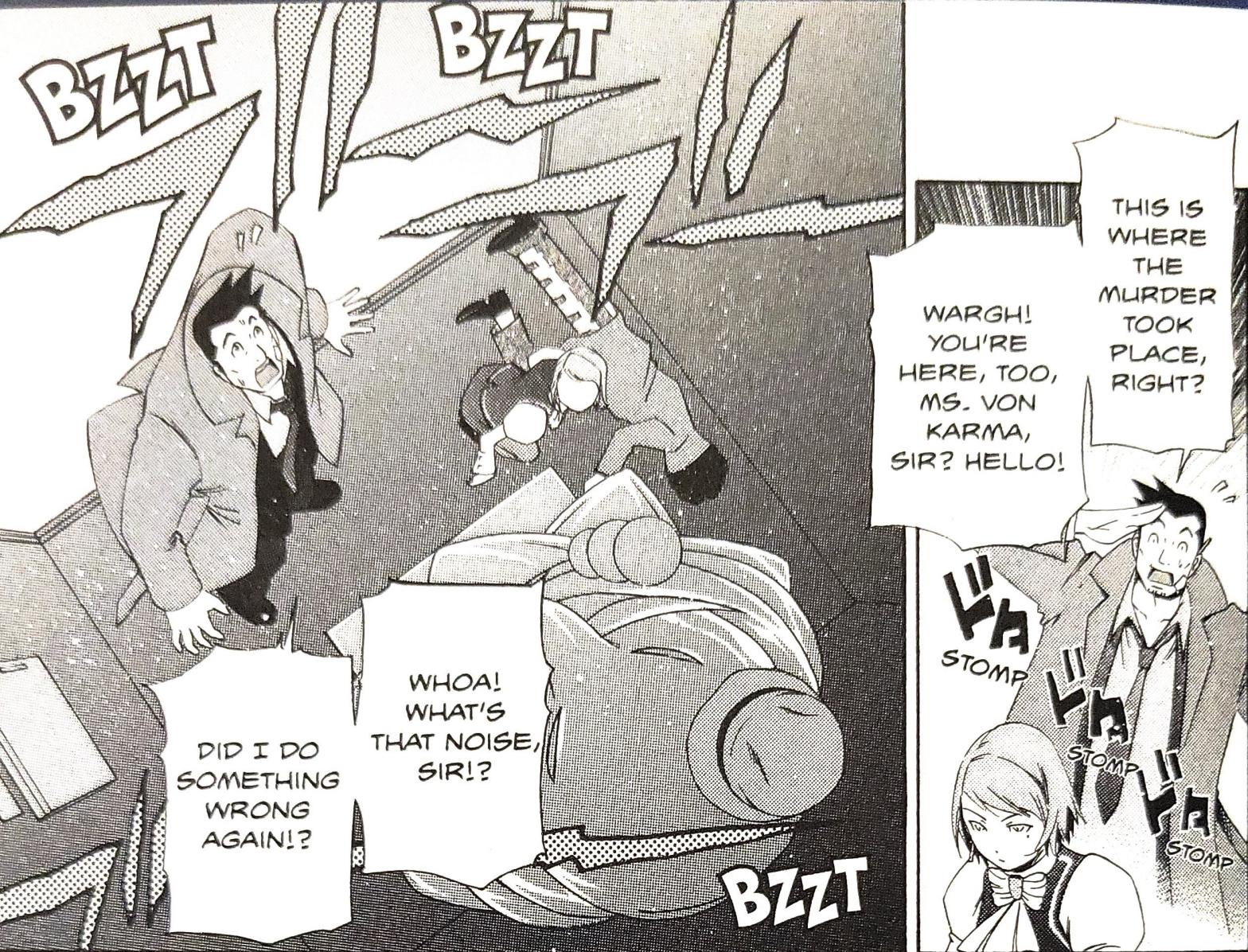


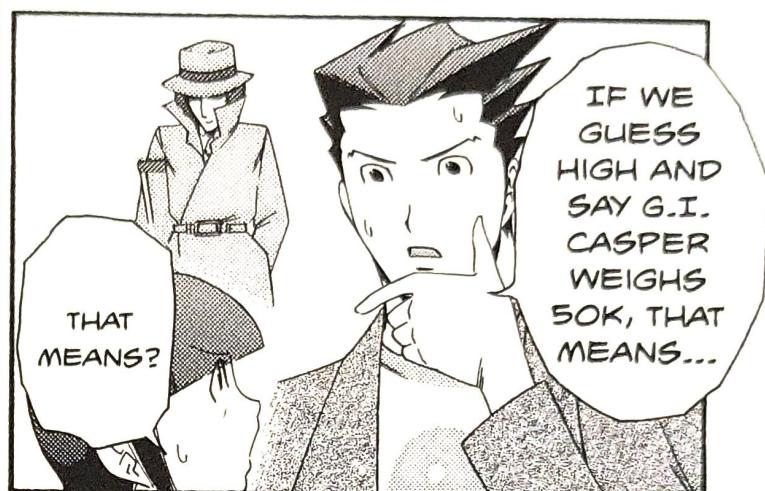
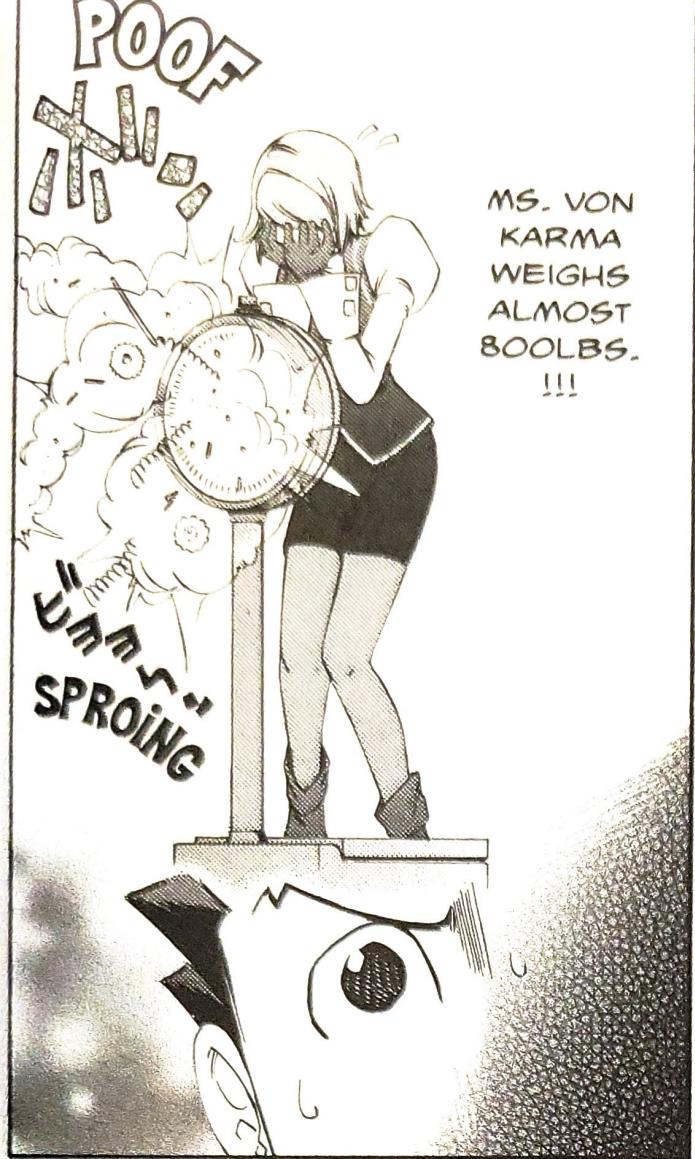
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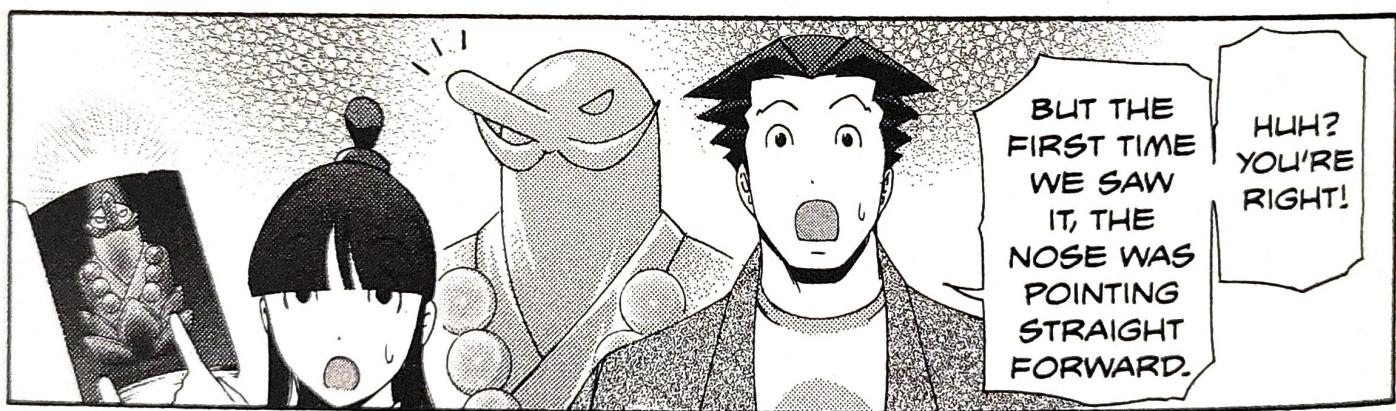
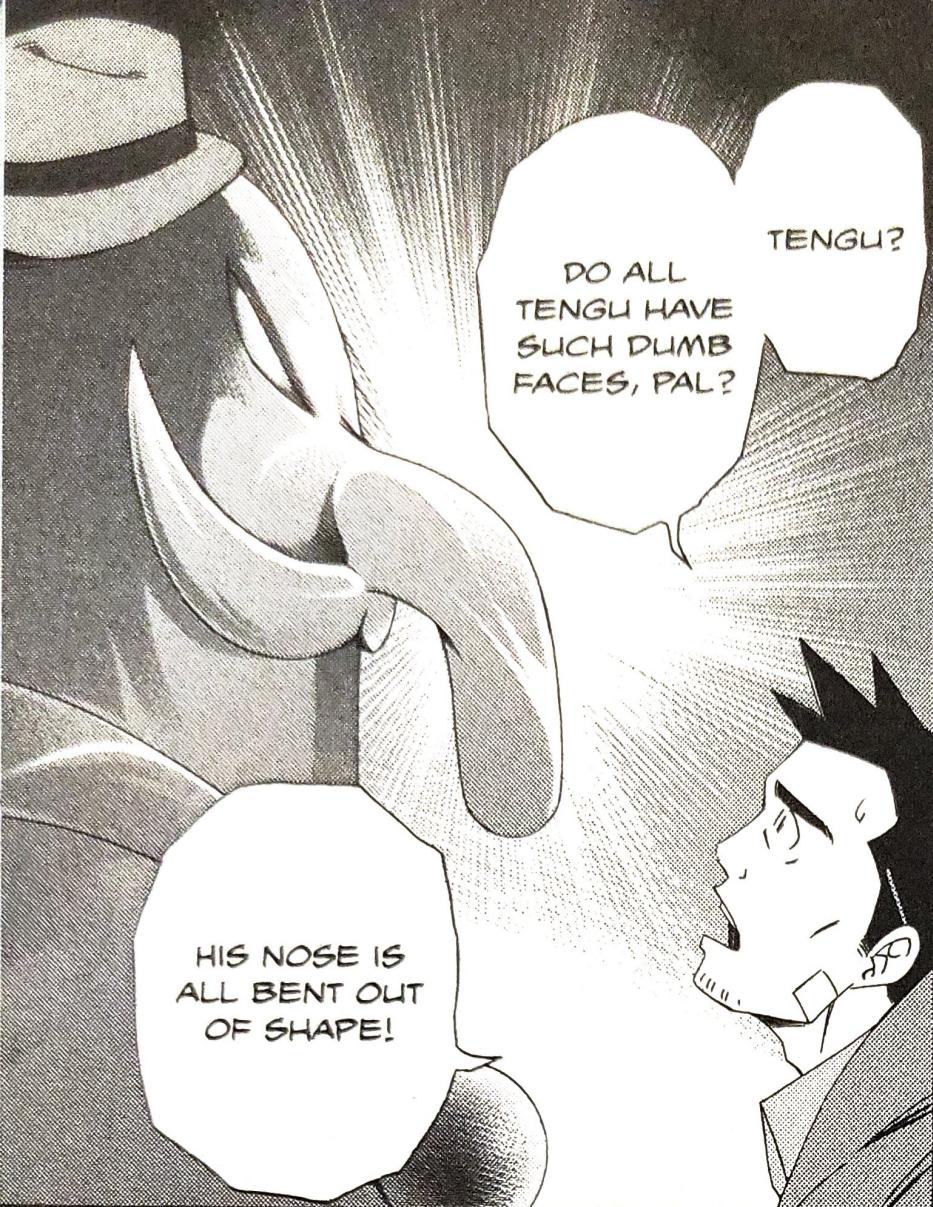


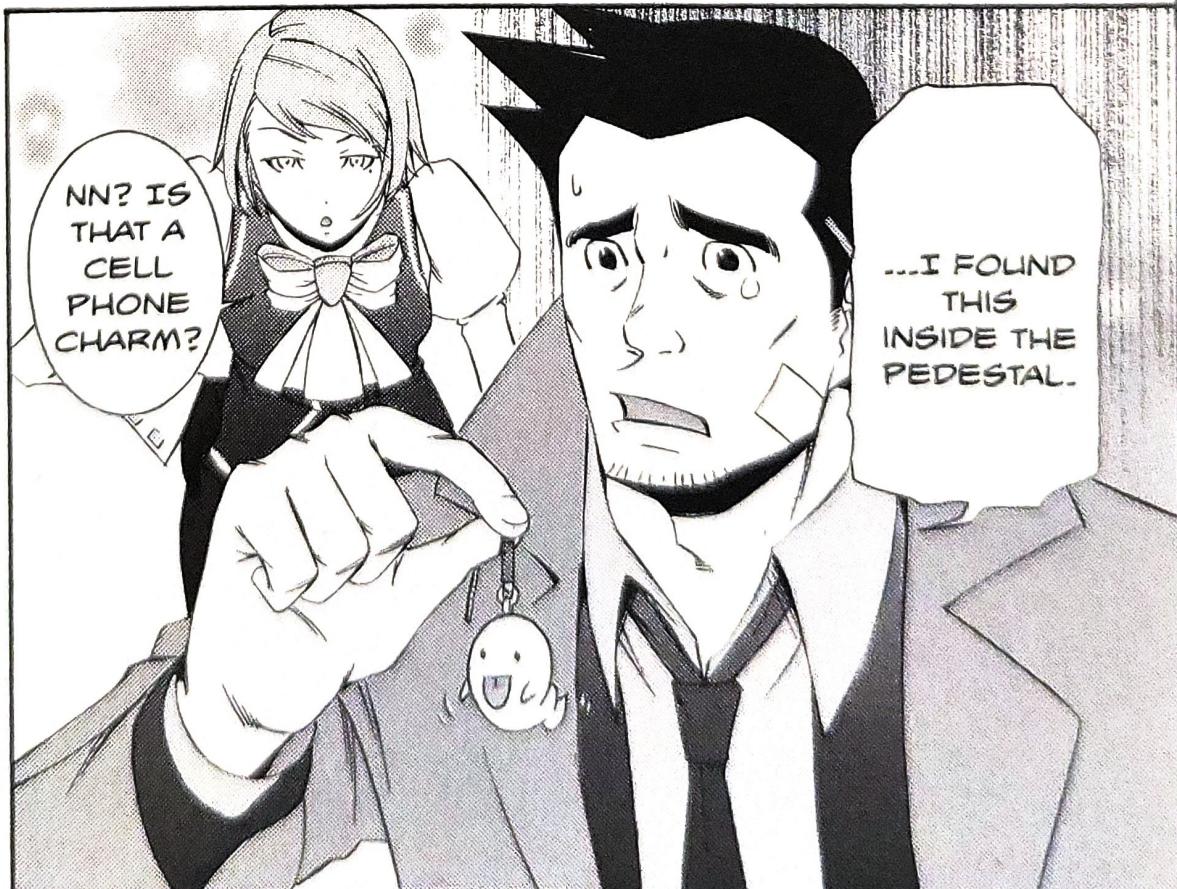
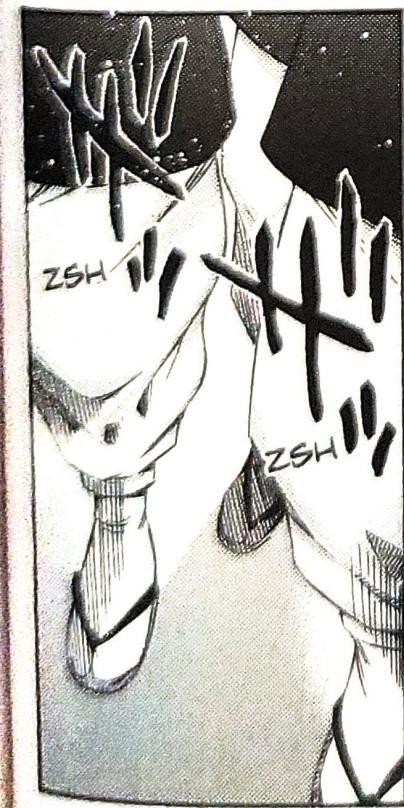
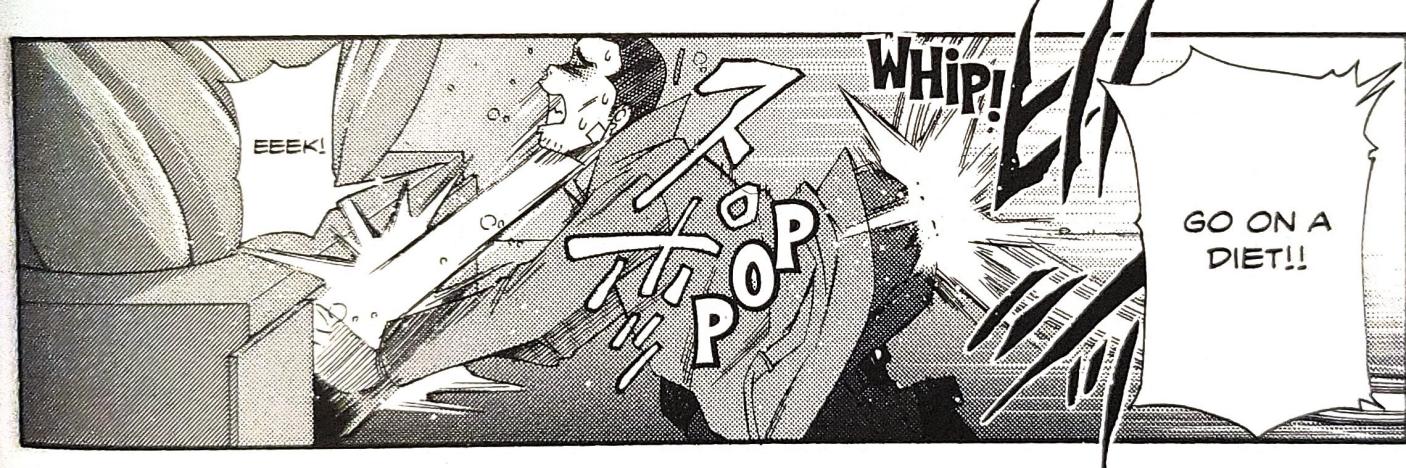


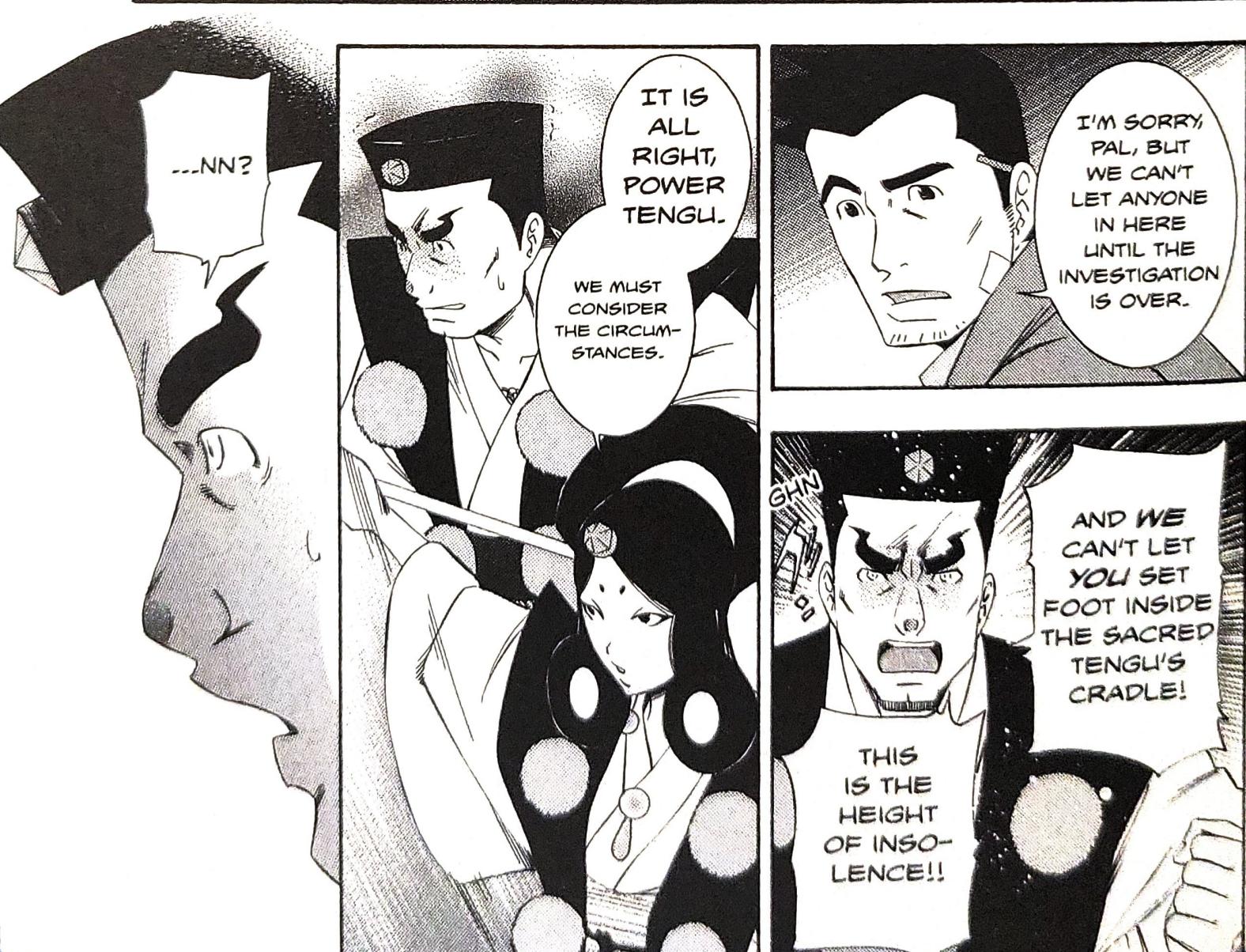


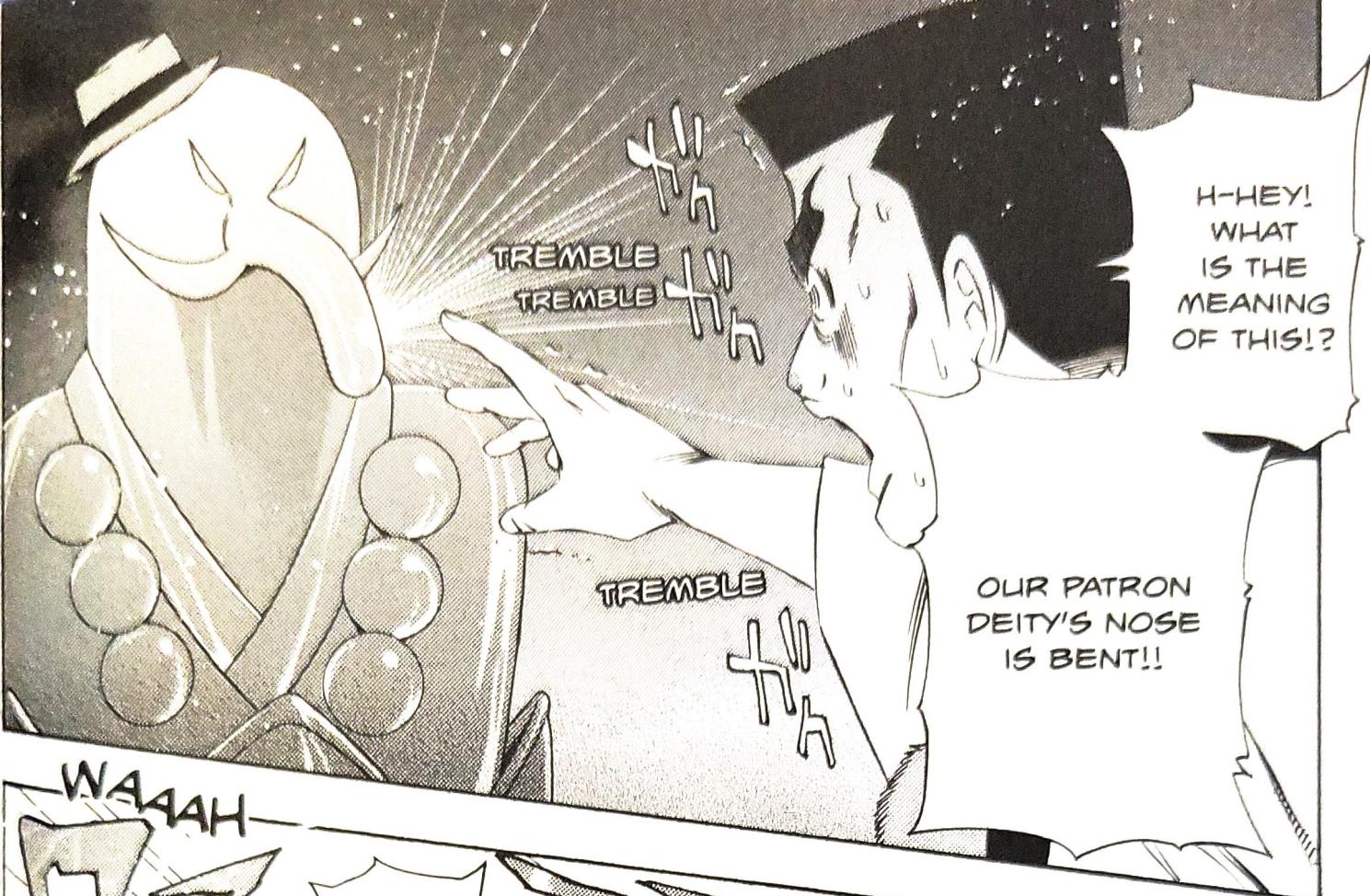


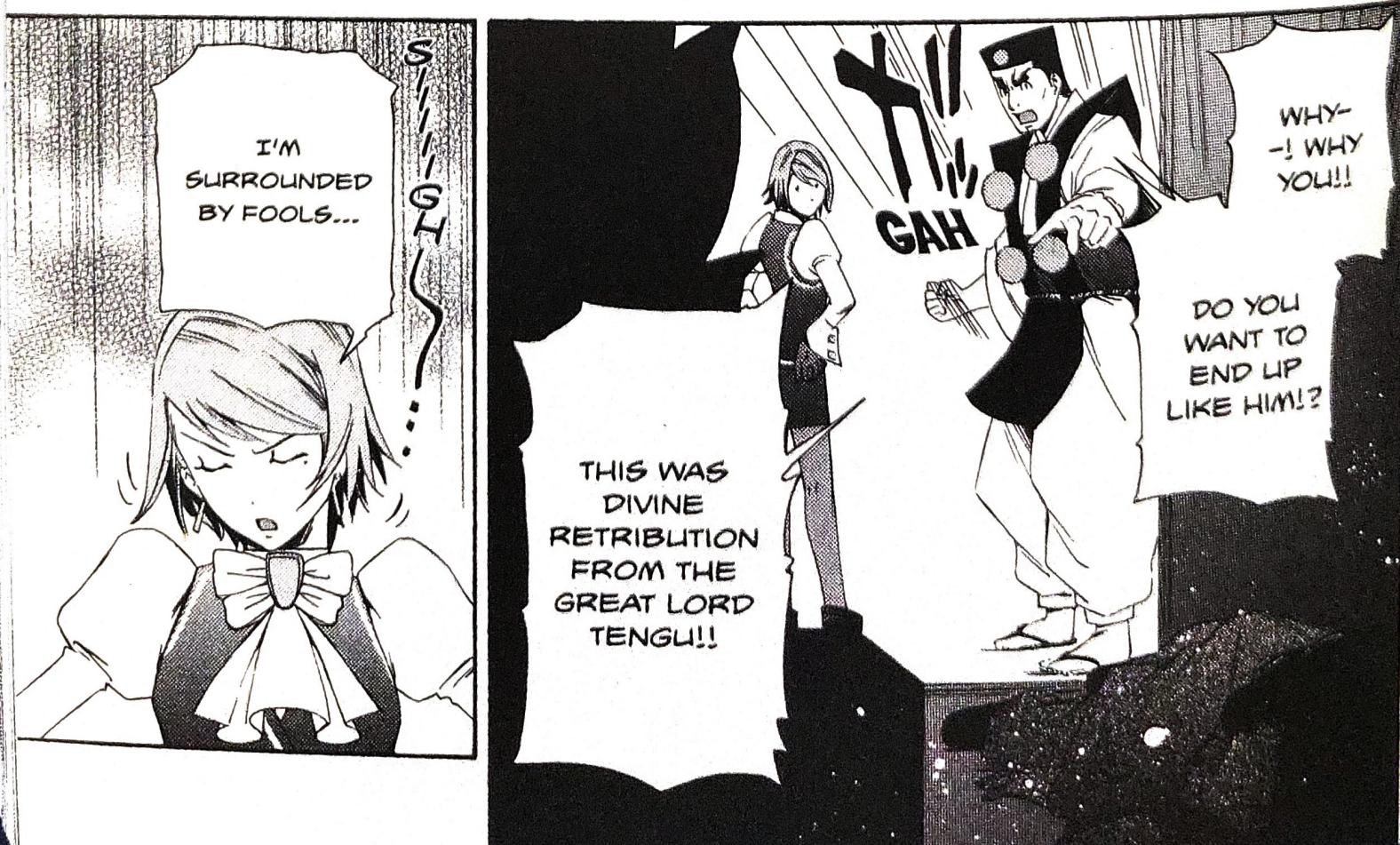


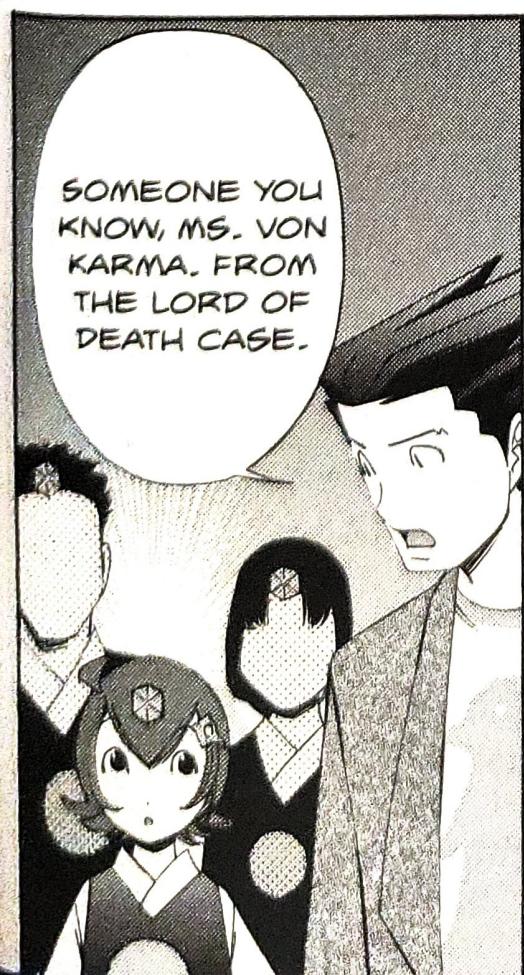
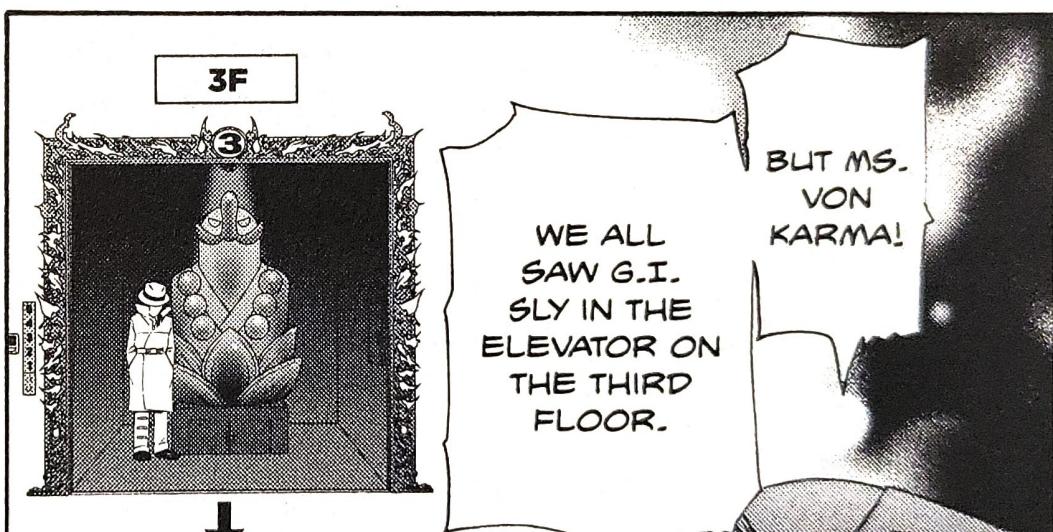
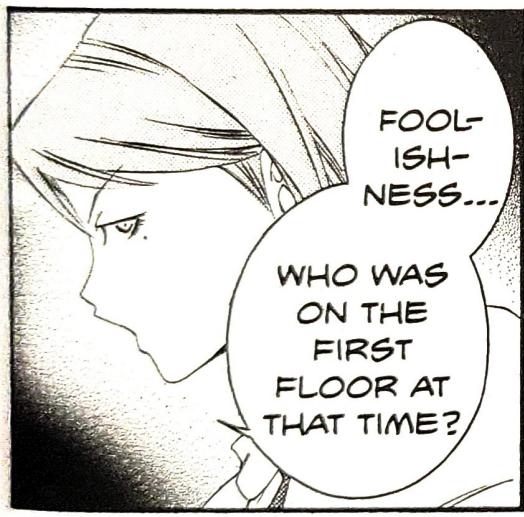


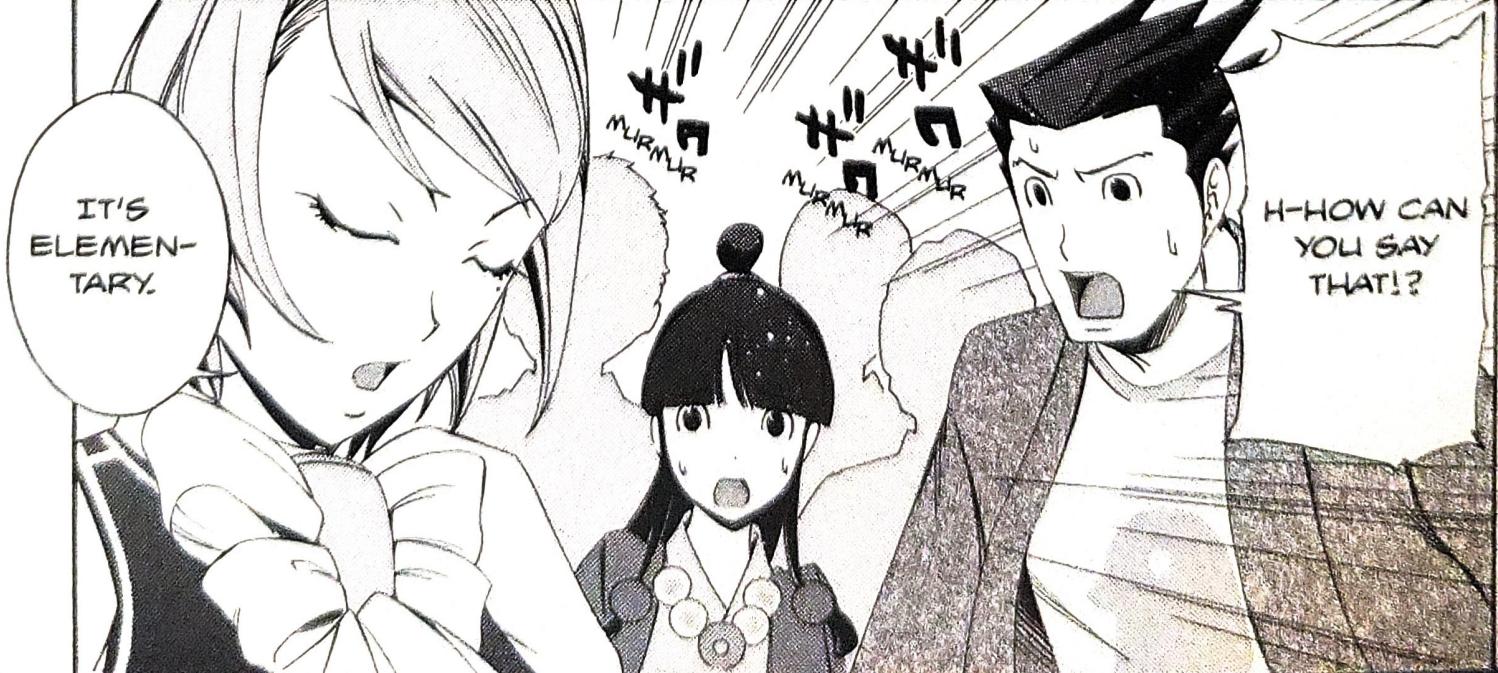
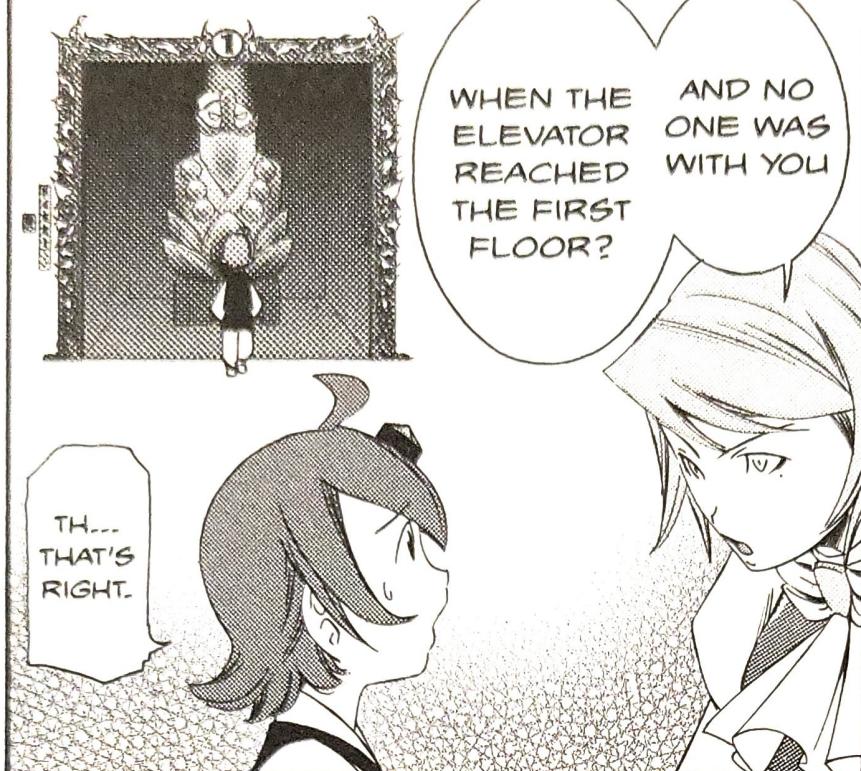












SHE QUICKLY HID
THE BODY,

THEN LIED TO ALL OF
YOU, CLAIMING THERE
WAS NO ONE IN THE
ELEVATOR.

HUH?
THERE'S
NOBODY
IN THE
CRADLE.

WHACK

RUSSI CLOVER
MURDERED
THE VICTIM
WHEN HE
ARRIVED ON
THE FIRST
FLOOR.

THAT'S
WHAT
THEY ALL
SAY,

IN THE
BEGINNING.

BAH

WHY DO I
HAVE TO
BE THE
SUSPECT
AGAIN?

YOUR CLAIM
HAS ME
EVEN MORE
CONVINCED.

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
MOTIVE!

BUT I'VE
NEVER
MET THAT
DETECTIVE
BEFORE IN
MY LIFE!

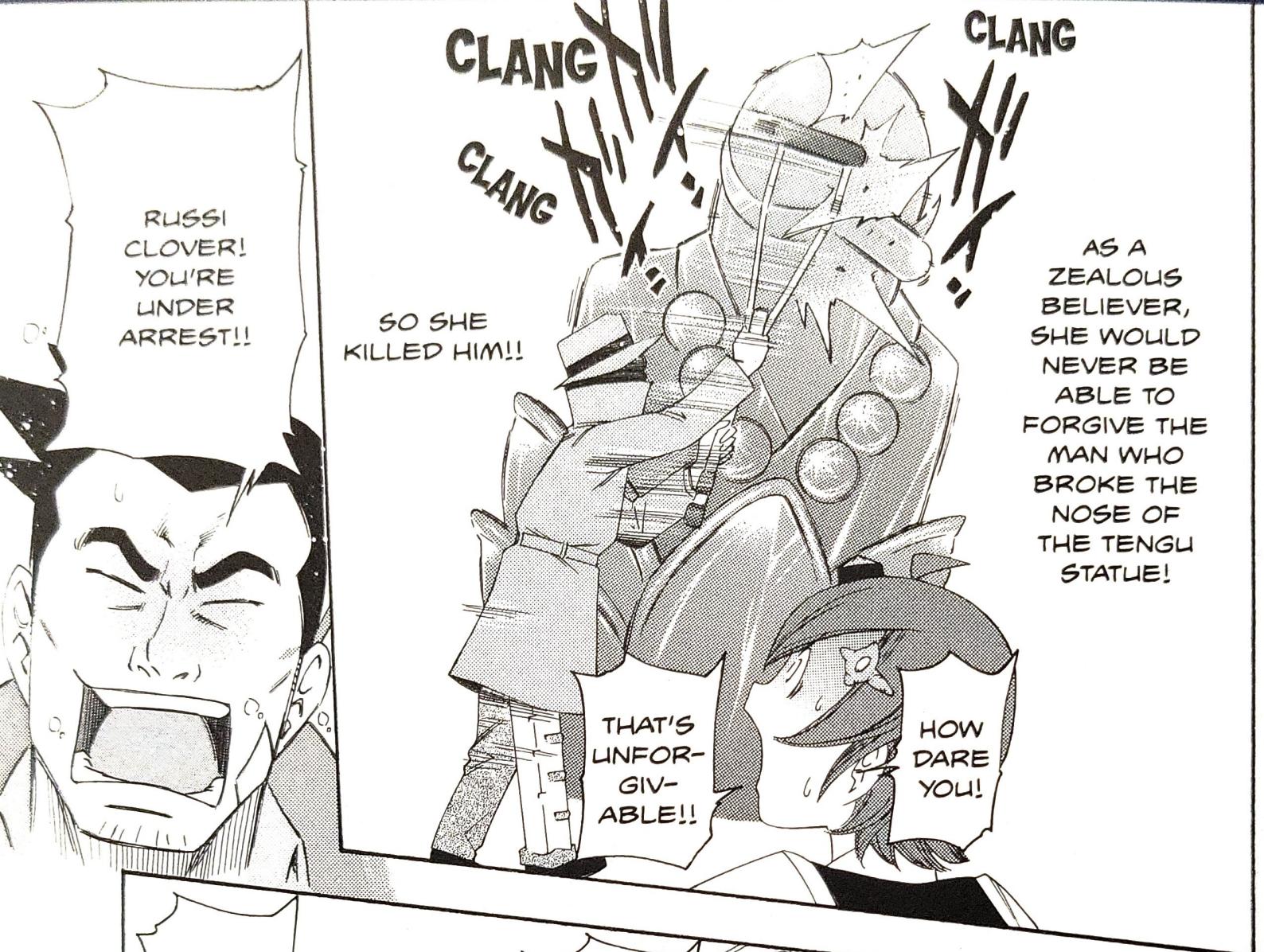
HUH!?

SHE
WOULD
NEVER
KILL A
MAN!!

B-BUT SHE'S
A VERY HARD-
WORKING AND
ZEALOUS
BELIEVER!

R...RUSSI
ONLY
JUST
JOINED
US.

ALL
PURPOSE
TENGU,
SIR...



AS A
ZEALOUS
BELIEVER,
SHE WOULD
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
FORGIVE THE
MAN WHO
BROKE THE
NOSE OF
THE TENGU
STATUE!



WHAP!

THEN WHY
DON'T YOU
PROVE IT IN
COURT?

PHOENIX
WRIGHT!

GHN

OF
COURSE.

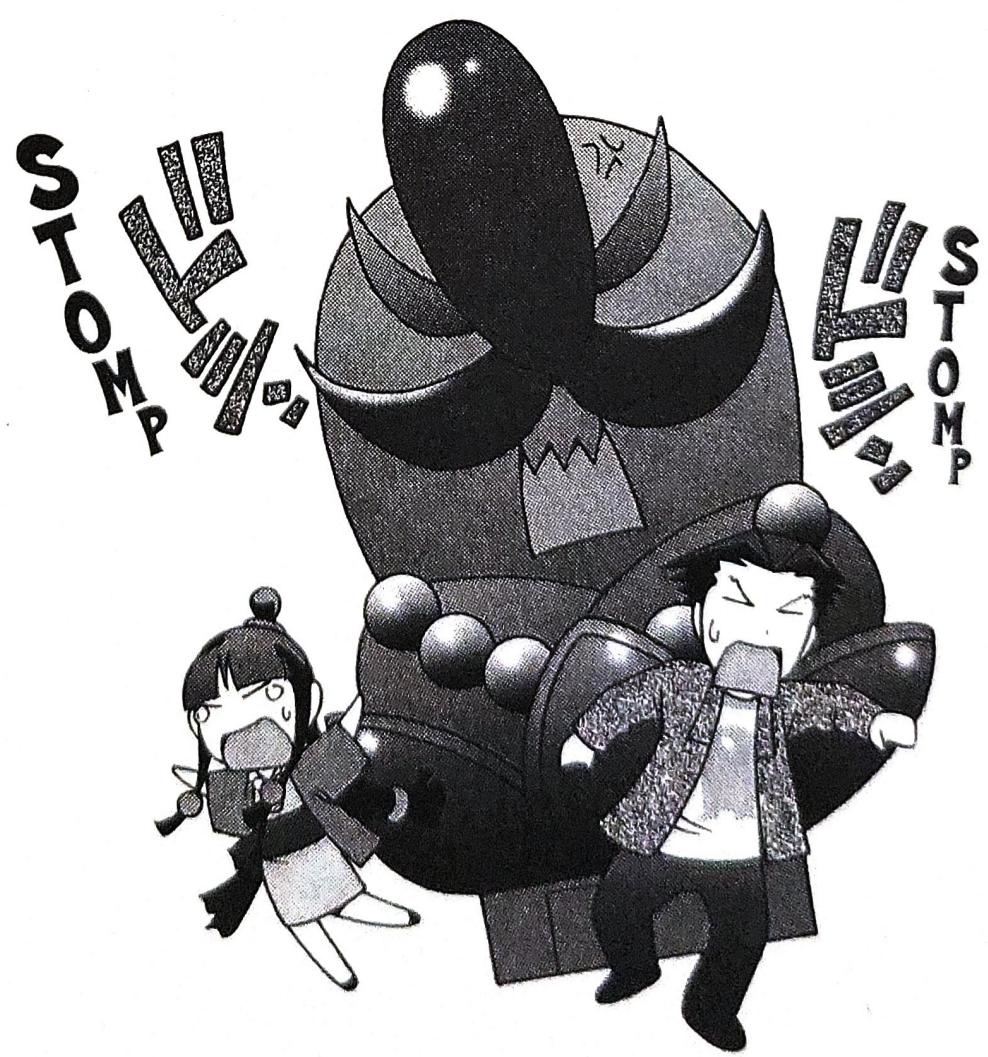
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WHIP!

HMPH.

I WILL
PROVE
RUSSI'S
INNO-
CENCE!!

THIS TIME,
I WILL
DESTROY
YOU.



THE GREAT TENGU SOCIETY

A RELIGIOUS CULT THAT HAS GAINED POPULARITY BECAUSE OF ITS QUESTIONABLE PROMISE TO GRANT BELIEVERS SUPERNATURAL POWERS.

THE PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CASPER SLY (G.I. SLY) WAS MURDERED WHILE INVESTIGATING THE CULT'S MAIN TEMPLE, THE TOWER OF MIRACLES.

BUT AN ARREST WAS MADE OF A GIRL WHO HAD JOINED THE GREAT TENGU SOCIETY FIVE DAYS PREVIOUS.

RUSSI CLOVER!!

THE SAME OCCULT-LOVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO MET PHOENIX WRIGHT IN THE LORD OF DEATH MURDER CASE!!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, PAL!!

IT-IT WASN'T ME!

THE CULT CLAIMS THAT HE MET WITH DIVINE RETRIBUTION AFTER BENDING THE PATRON DEITY'S NOSE.

THE VICTIM HAD INTRIDED INTO THE ELEVATOR, THE TENGU'S CRADLE, WHERE ONLY THE CULT'S FOUNDER, PRINCESS TENGU, IS PERMITTED.

OUR PATRON'S NOSE!

HOW COULD ANYONE DO SUCH A THING!?

LIWA-AAH!

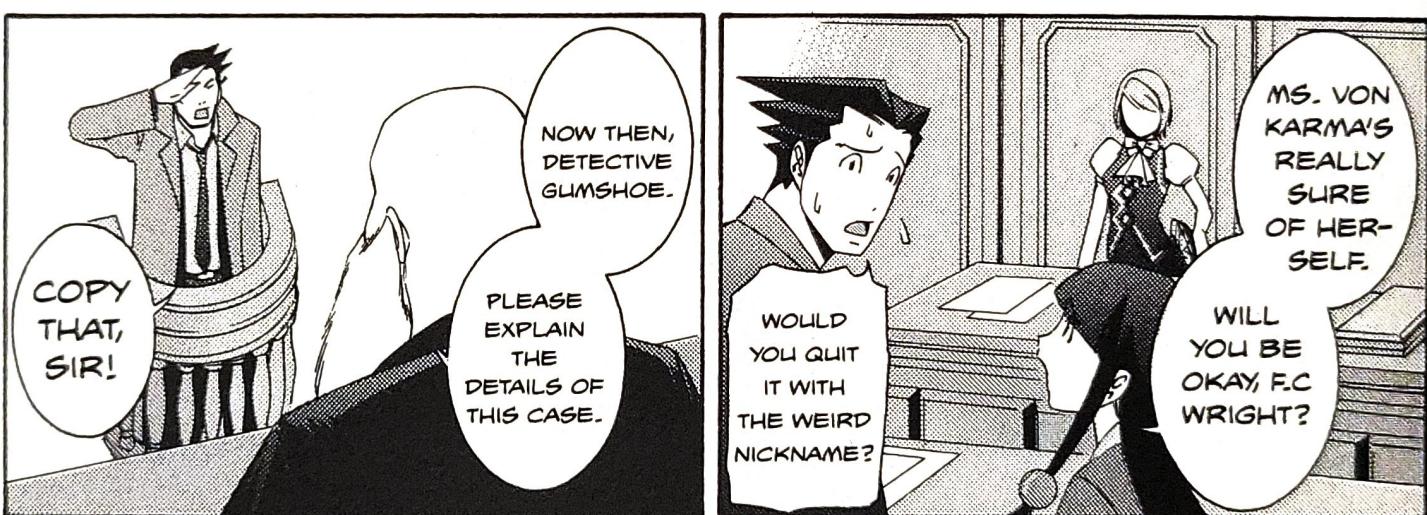
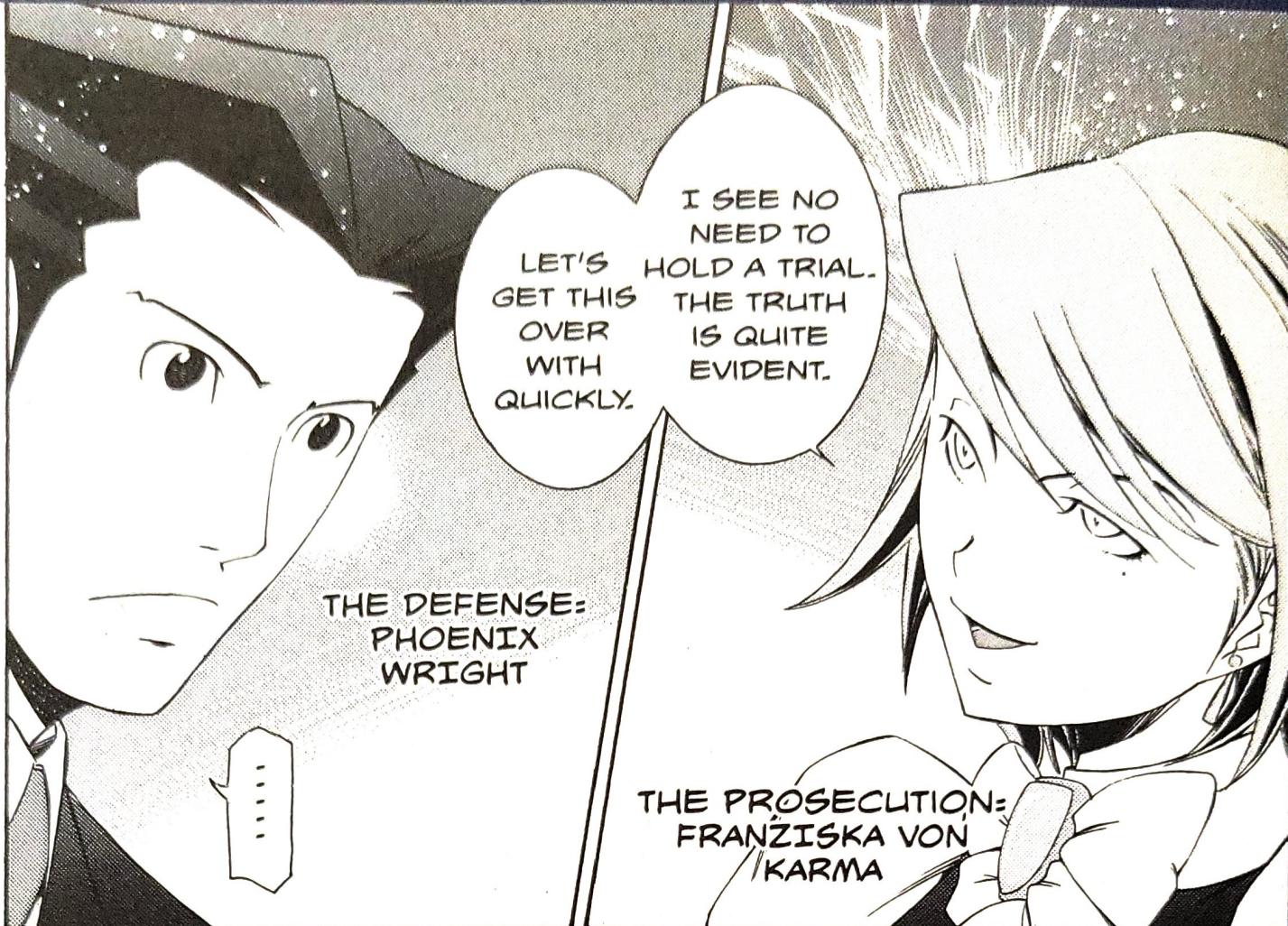
CHAPTER 15

TURNABOUT POWER VS. SUPERNATURAL POWER (PART TWO)

COURT IS
NOW IN
SESSION.

FOR THE
TRIAL OF
RUSSI
CLOVER.

WHACK



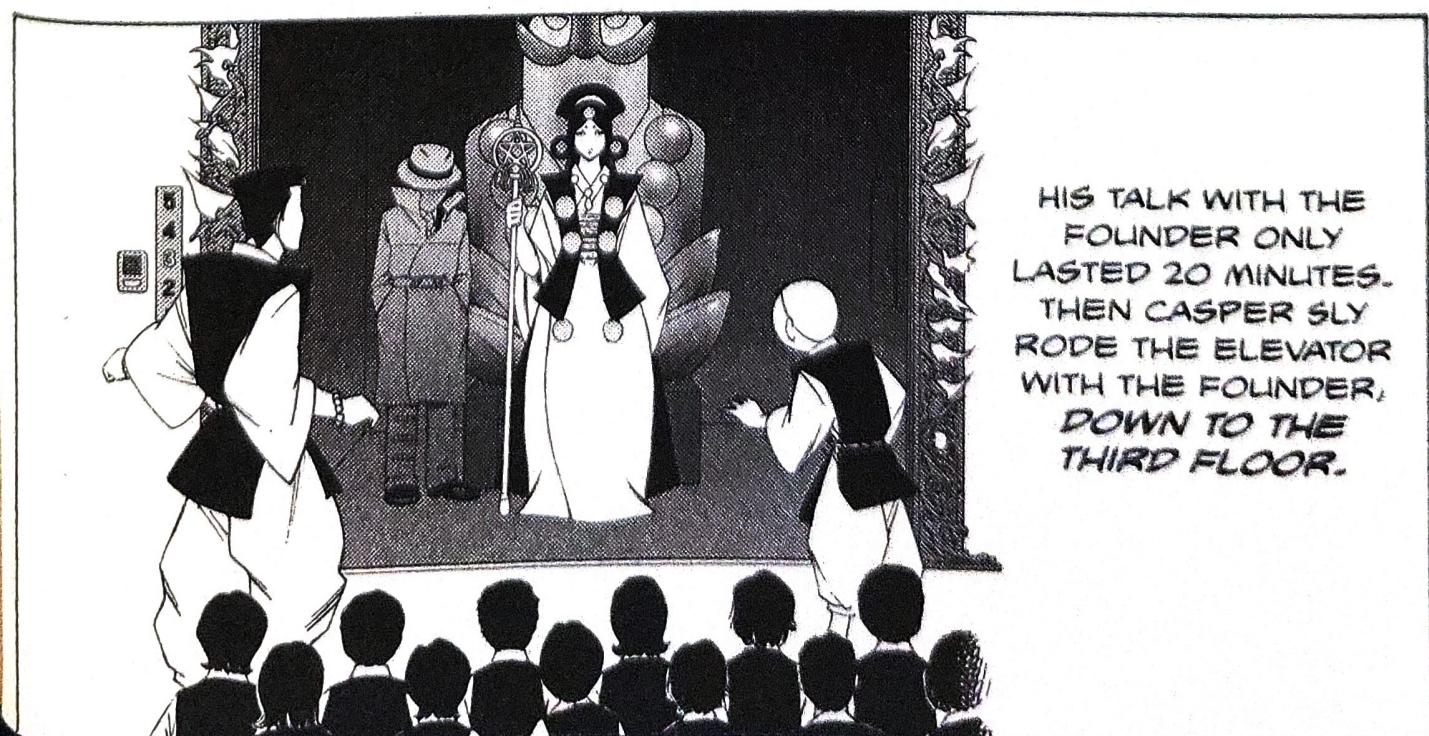
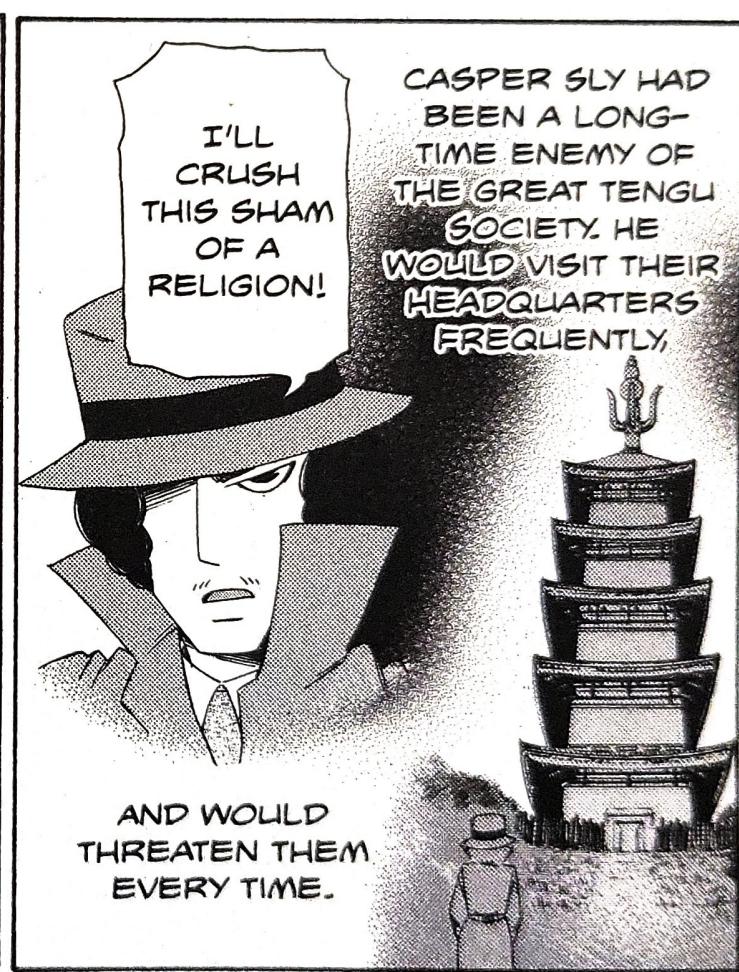
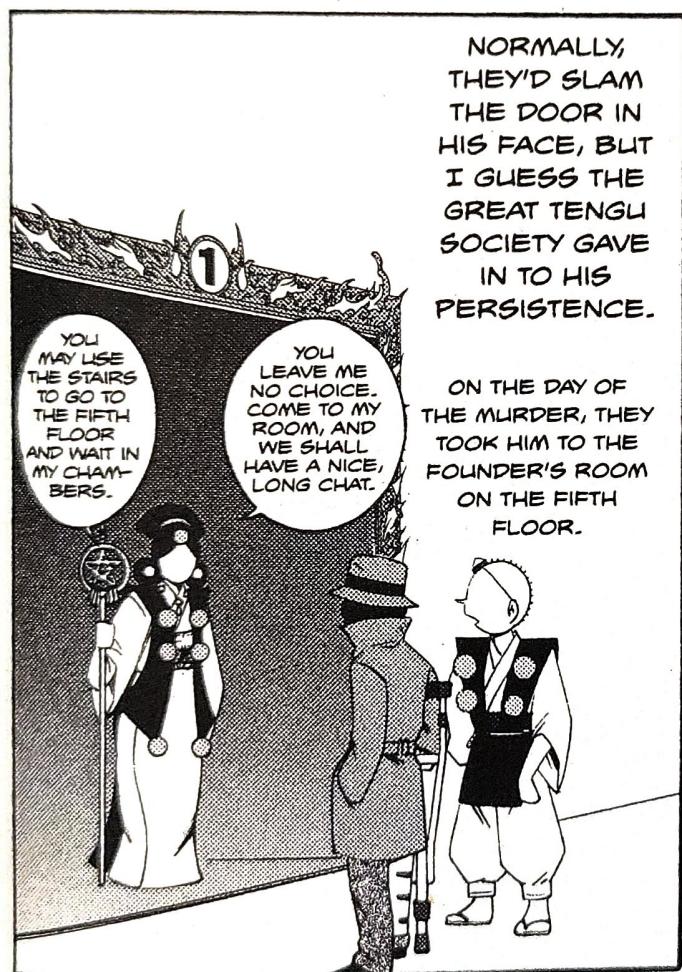
THERE WAS A DENT IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE THE CAUSE OF DEATH, SIR.

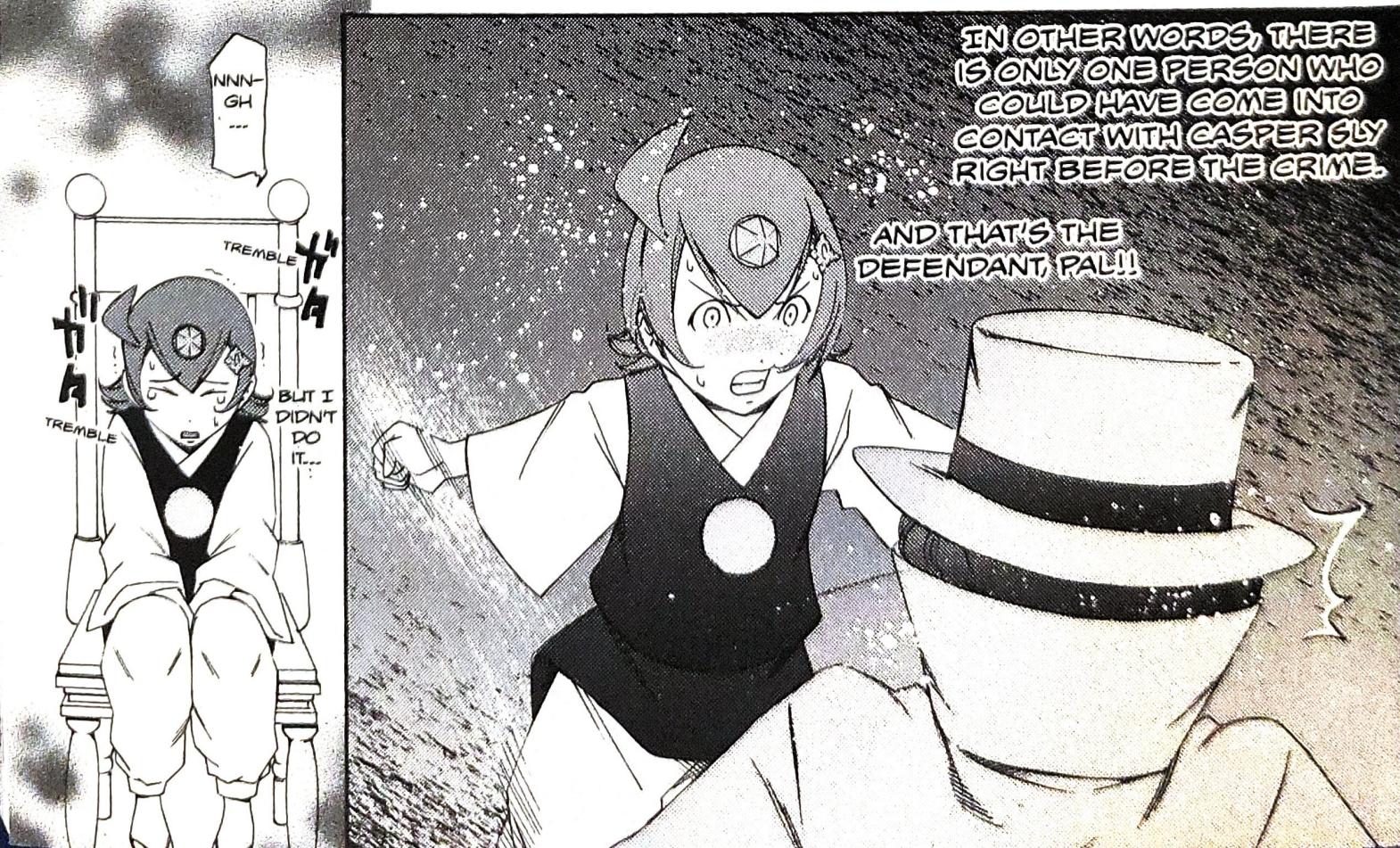
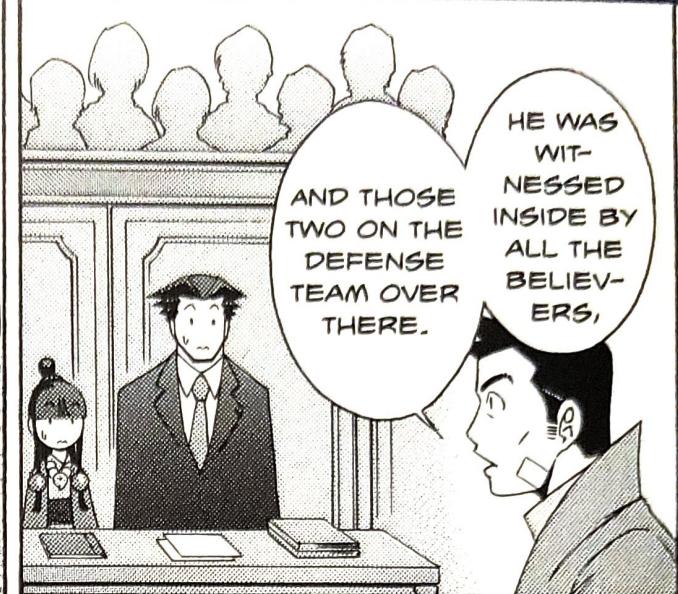
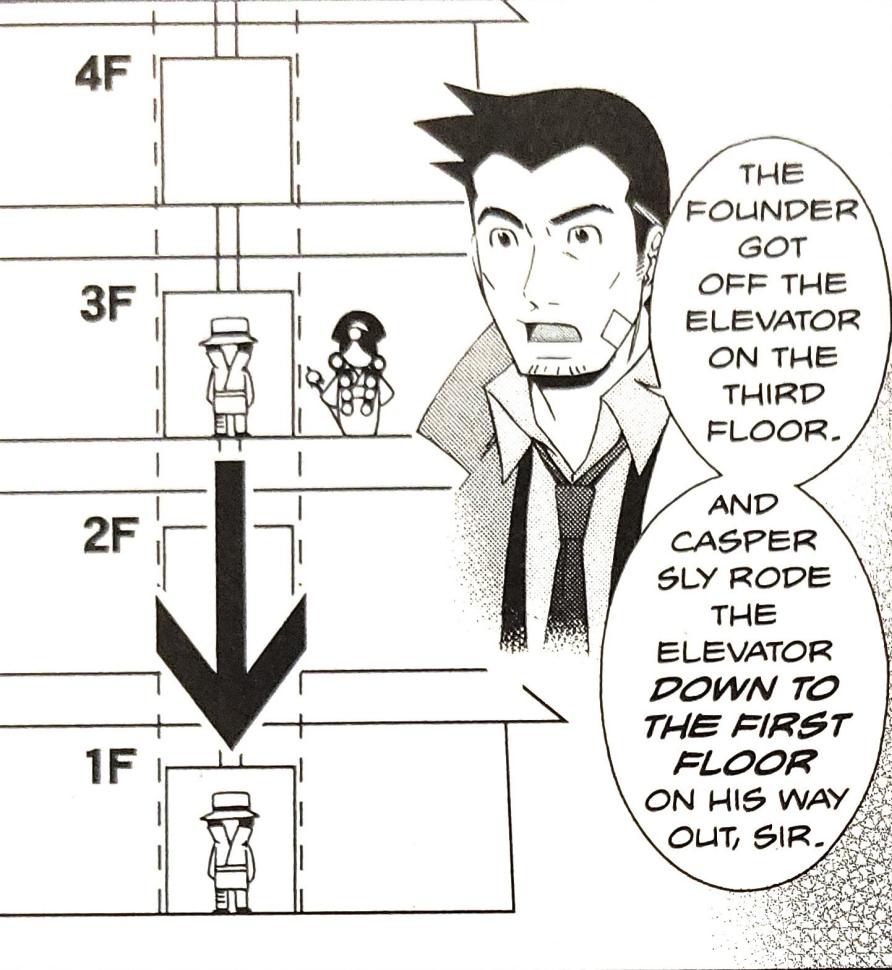


WE FOUND HIS BODY INSIDE THE ELEVATOR ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE MAIN TEMPLE OF THE GREAT TENGU SOCIETY.

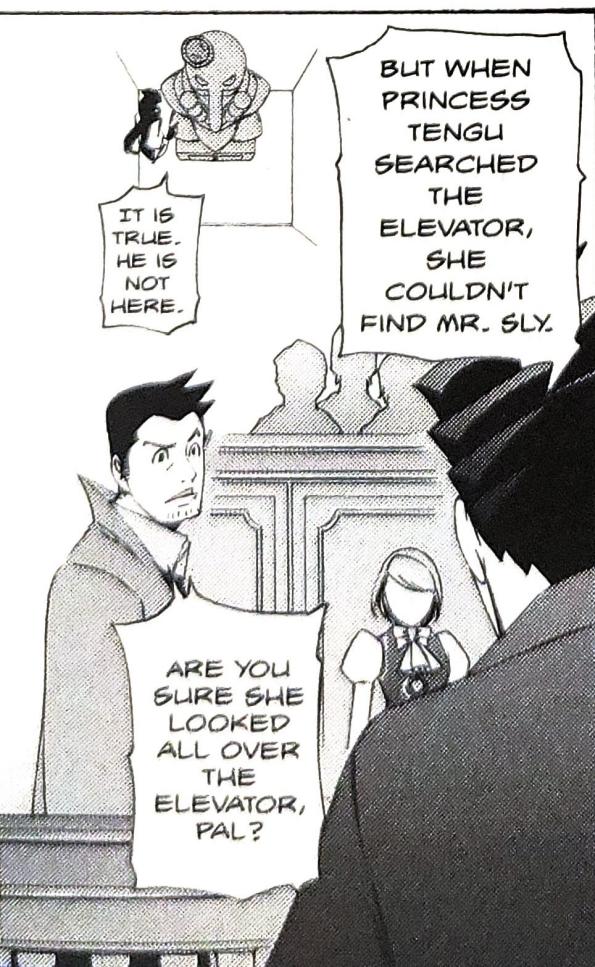
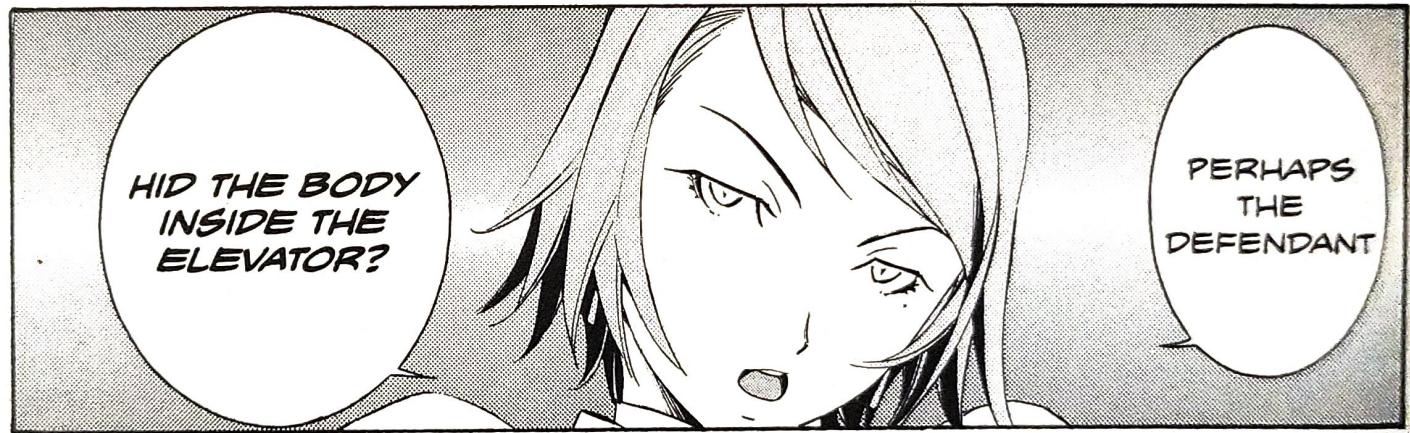
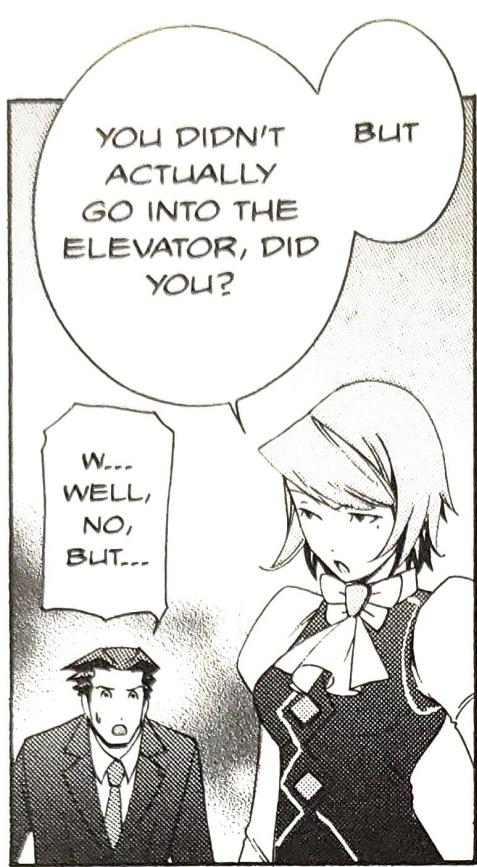
THE VICTIM WAS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE NAMED CASPER SLY.











THE POLICE
INVESTIGATED
THE
PEDESTAL
AND FOUND
THE
DEFENDANT'S
PRINTS, PAL!

DID SHE LOOK
INSIDE THE
PEDESTAL?

SO THIS
MUST BE
YOURS,
PAL!

AND THOSE
SAME PRINTS
WERE ON THIS
CELL PHONE
CHARM WE
FOUND INSIDE
THE PEDESTAL!

AH!!

SHE HID THE
BODY IN THE
PEDESTAL,
AND SHE WAS
GOING TO
TAKE IT OUT
LATER, WHEN
NO ONE WAS
LOOKING.

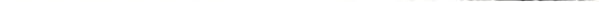
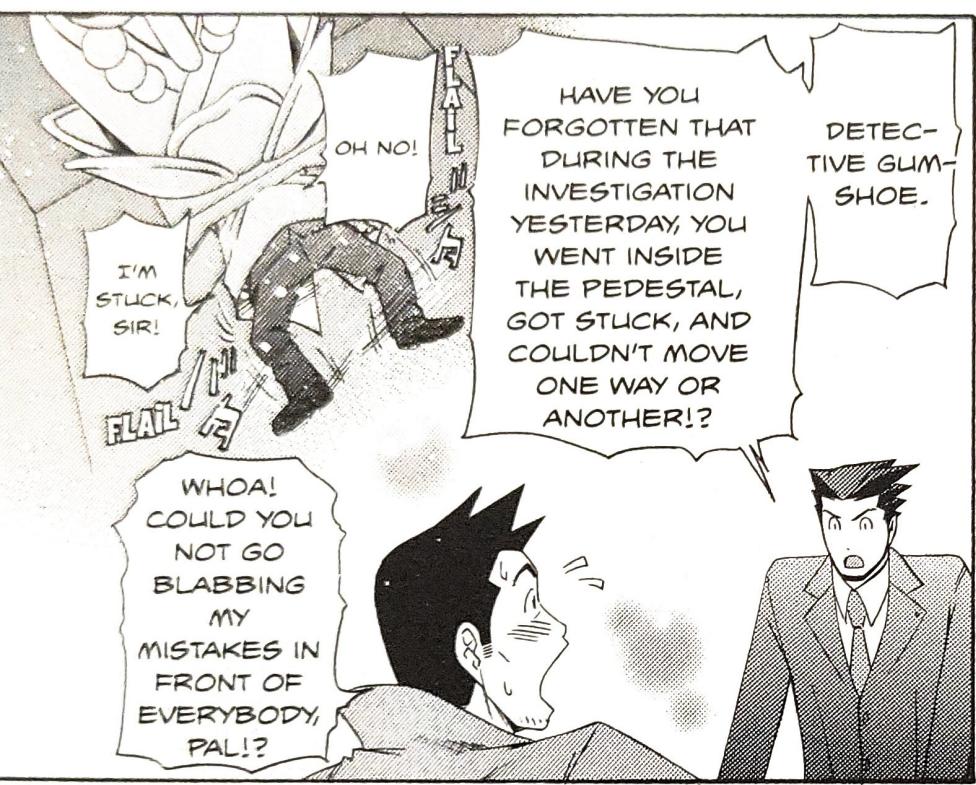
THAT MEANS
THE DEFENDANT
HID THE BODY
INSIDE THE
PEDESTAL,
PAL!!

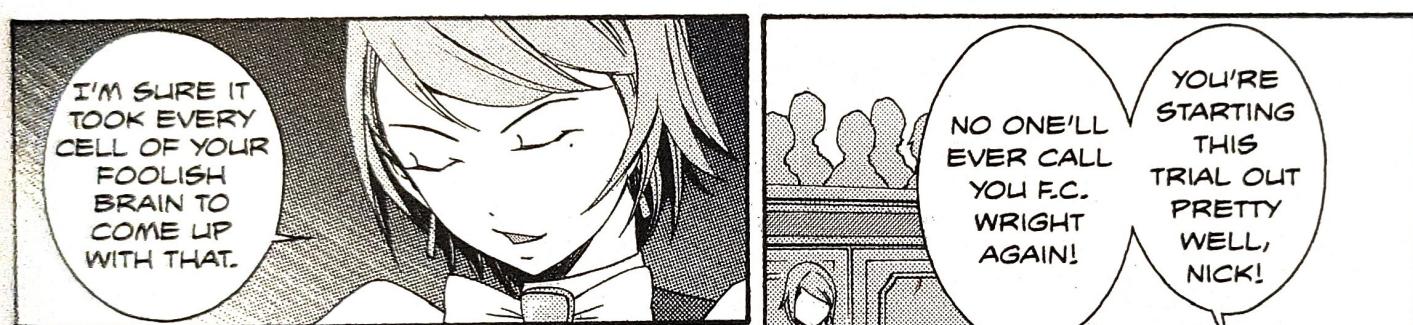
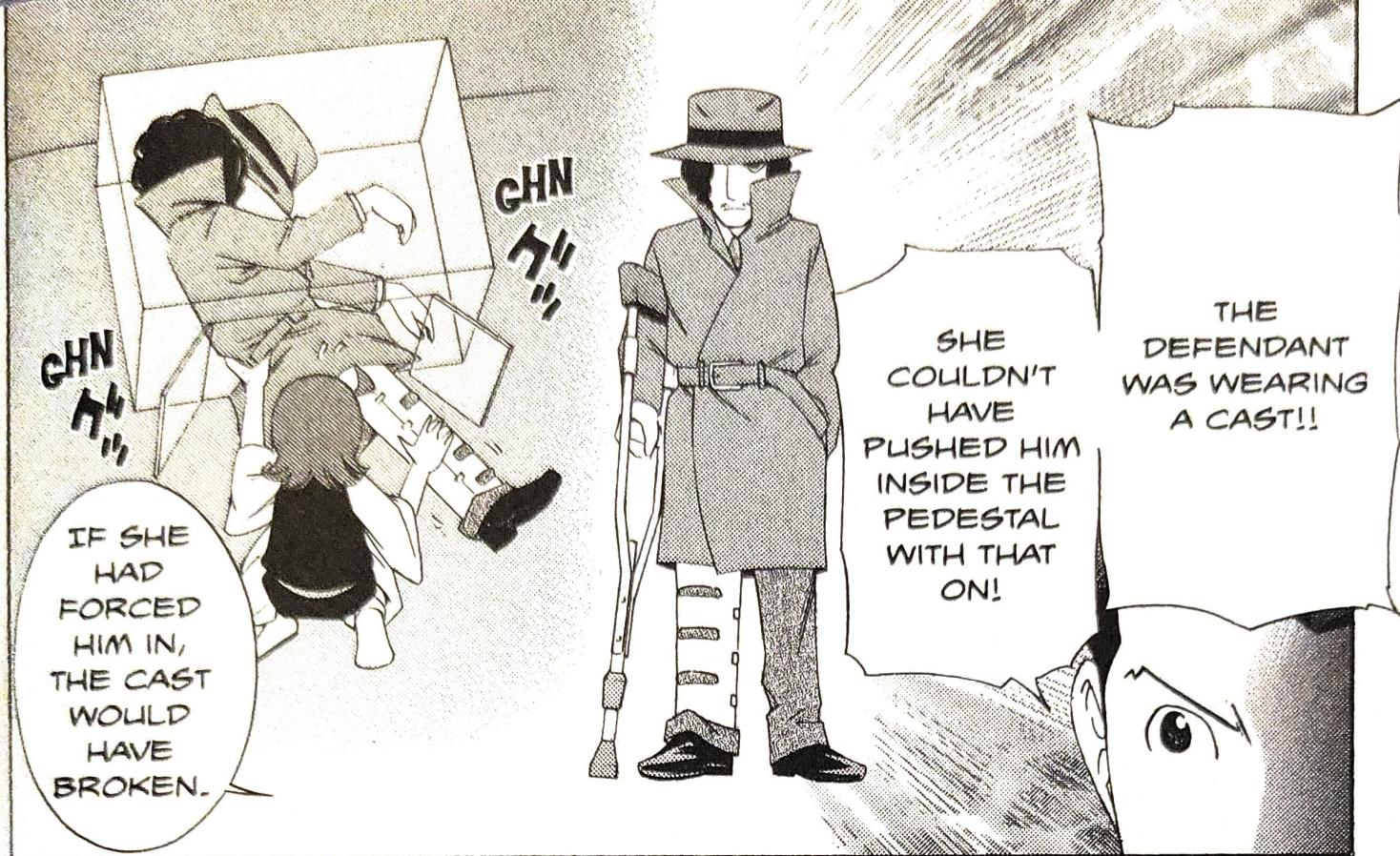
ROLL ZH
ROLL ZH
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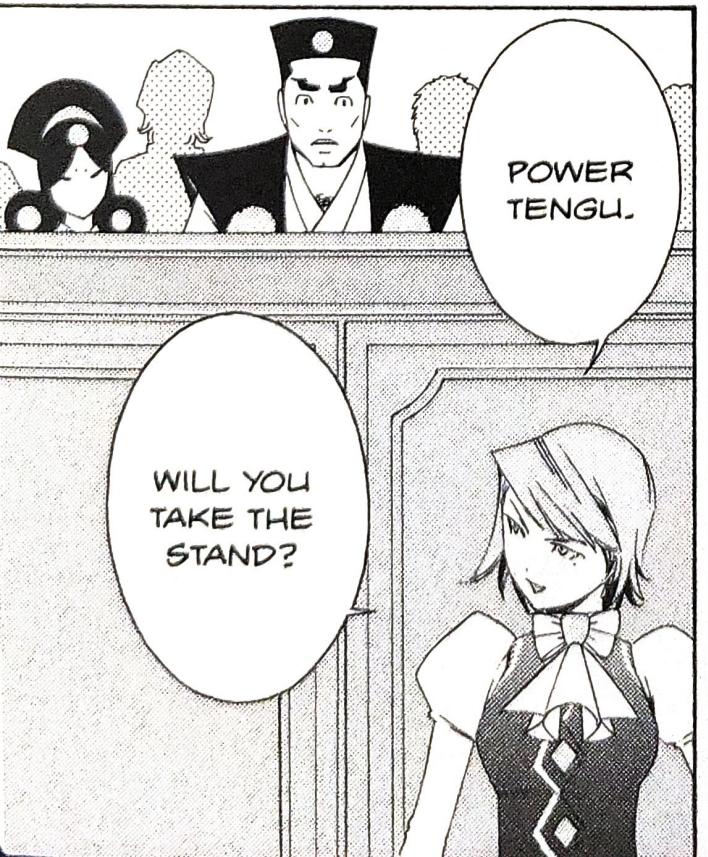
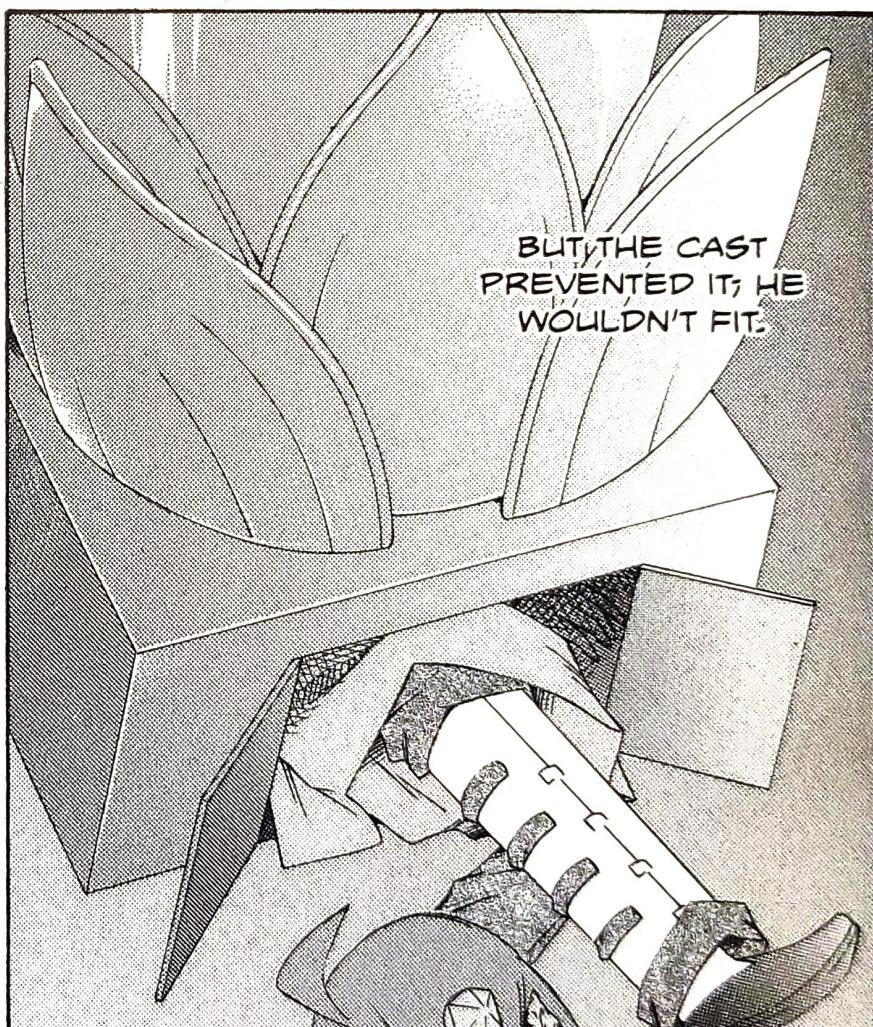
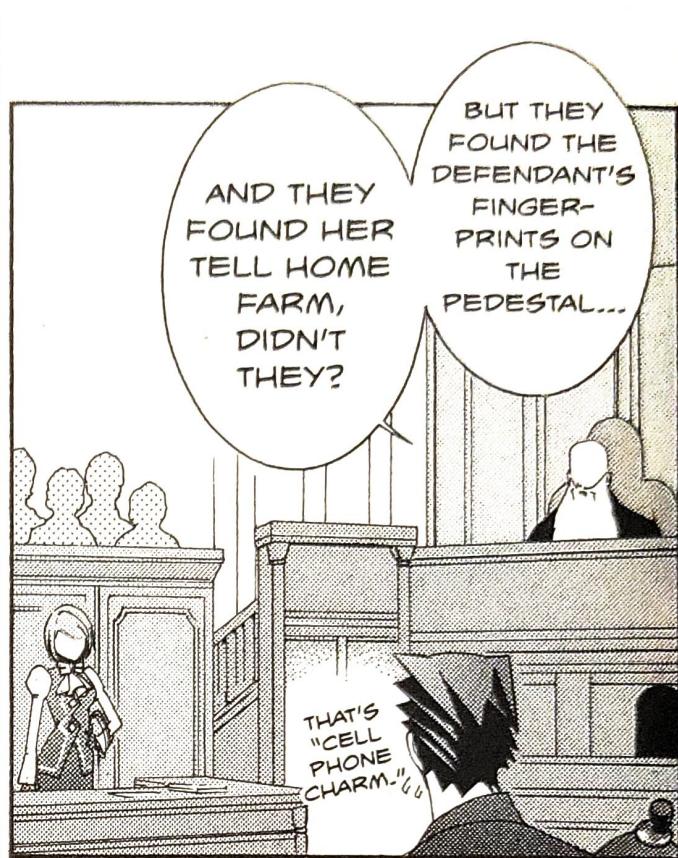
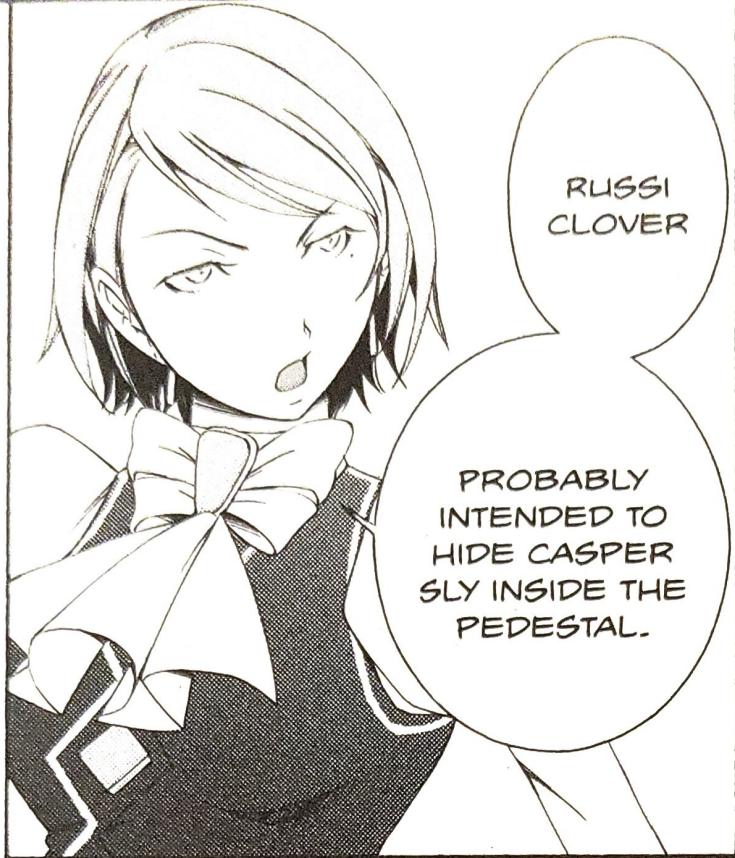
BLUT UNFOR-
TUNATELY FOR
HER, WHEN
THE ELE-
VATOR STARTED
UP AGAIN,
THE SHAKING
CAUSED THE
BODY TO ROLL
OUT.

INCRE-
IBLE!!

AND IT WAS DISCOVERED
ON THE FIFTH FLOOR!!







COURTROOM NO.5: POWER TENGLI'S TESTIMONY

I SPEND MY DAYS PROSLEYTIZING AS PRINCESS TENGLI'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

POWER TENGLI.

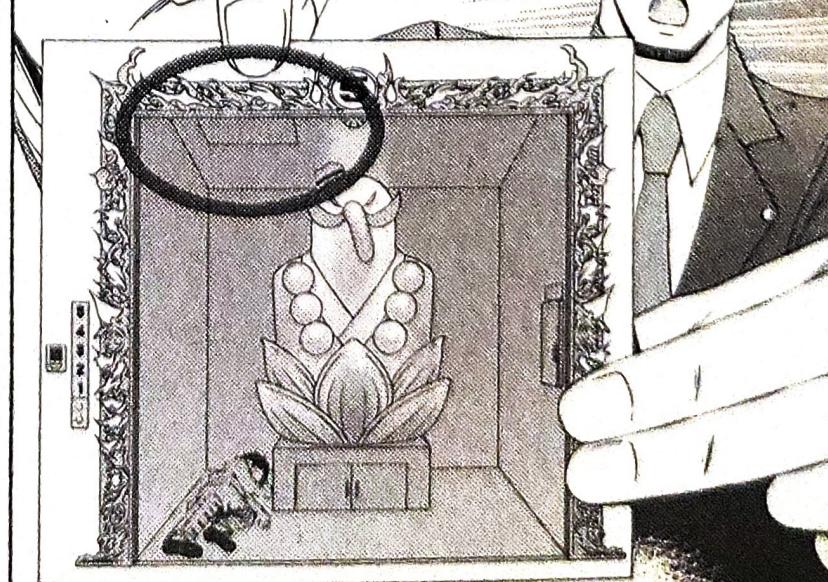
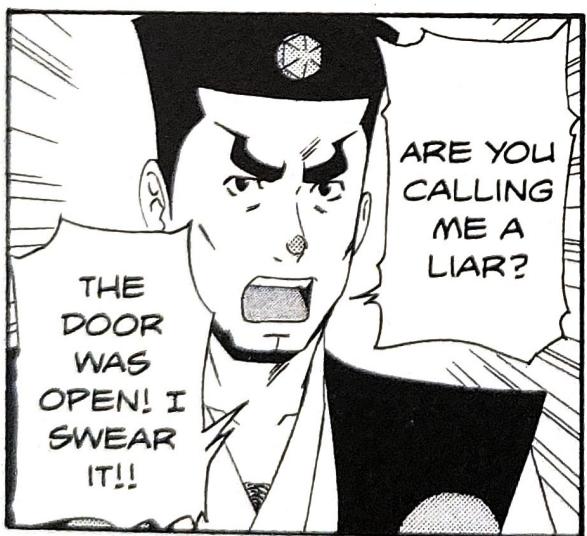
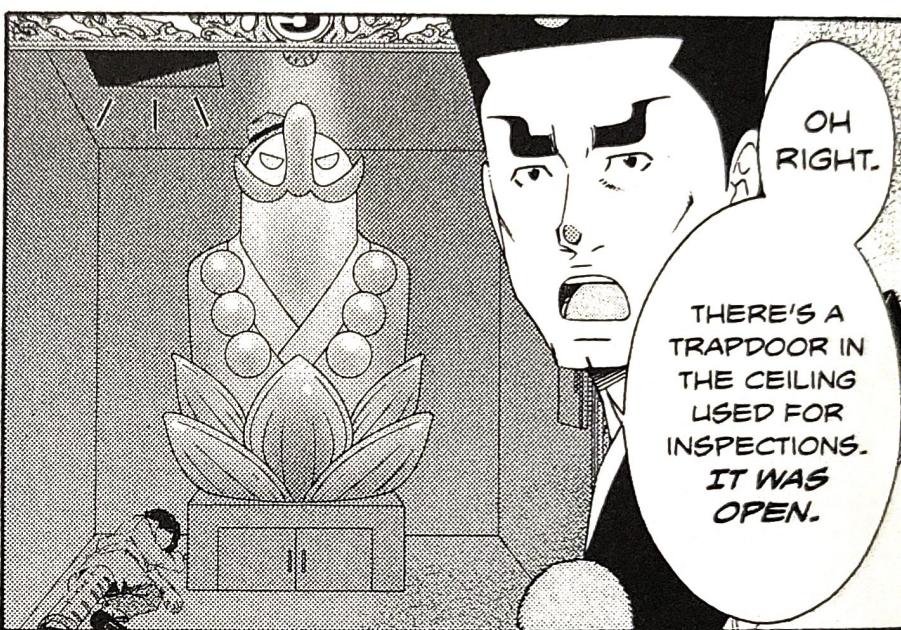
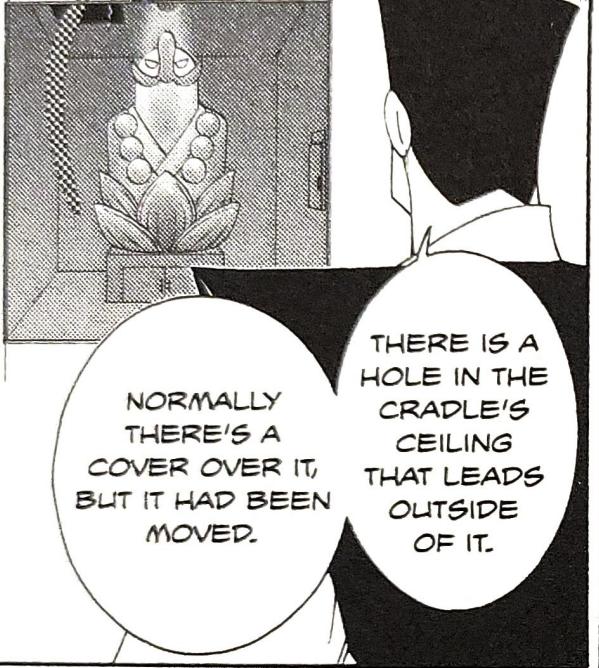
WHEN THE DOORS OPENED, WE SAW THE IDIOT DETECTIVE LYING THERE.

YES.
PRINCESS TENGLI HAD CALLED THE ELEVATOR TO THE FIFTH FLOOR...

WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT WHEN YOU FOUND THE BODY?

THE GREAT LORD TENGLI HAD DELIVERED HIS DIVINE RETRIBUTION!!

I KNEW IMMEDIATELY!



IT'S SIMPLE.

IT WAS
THE HAT
THAT IDIOT
DETECTIVE
WORE.

POWER
TENGU.
DO YOU
REMEMBER
THE HAT
THAT WAS ON
THE TENGU
STATUE'S
HEAD?

WHAT WAS
HIS HAT
DOING UP
THERE?

COME
TO
THINK
OF IT,

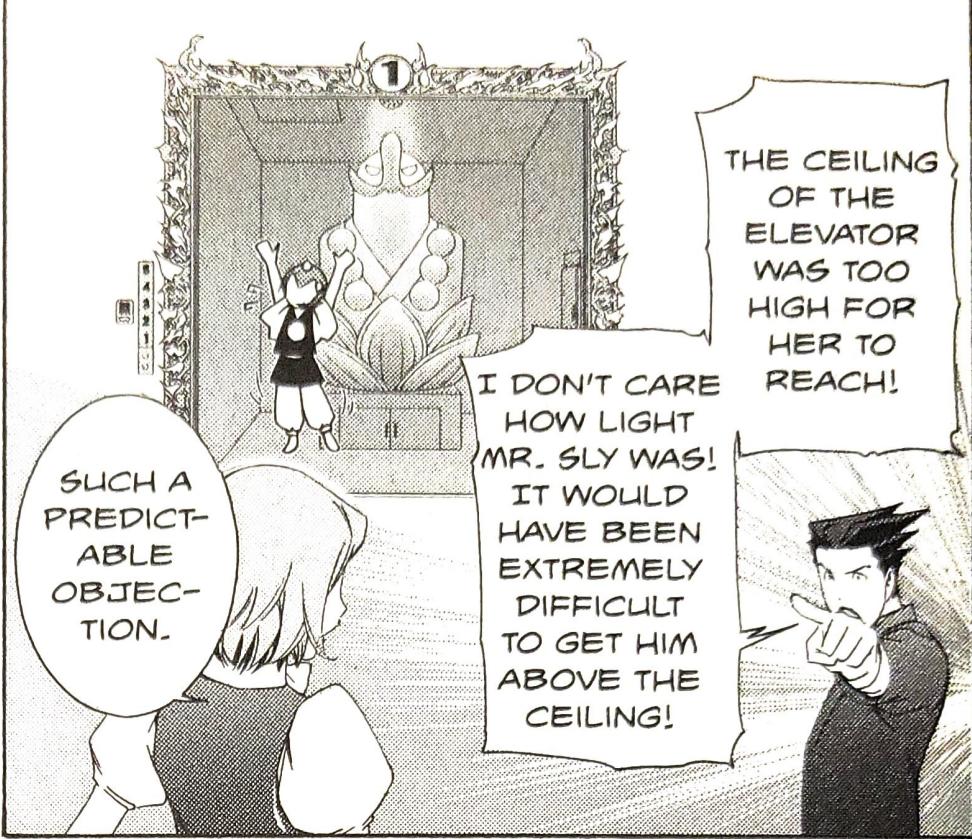
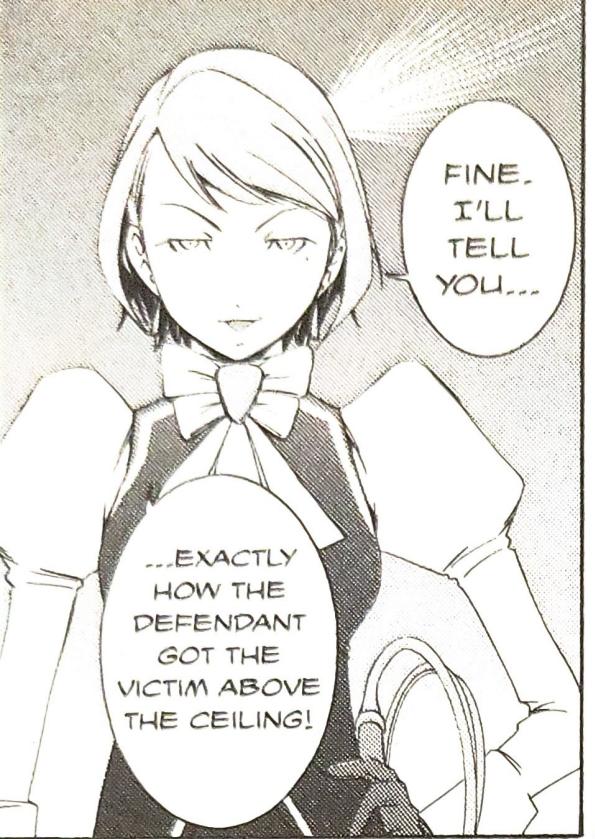
AFTER THE DEFENDANT
KILLED THE VICTIM, SHE HID
THE BODY ABOVE THE
CEILING.

OBJEC-
TION!

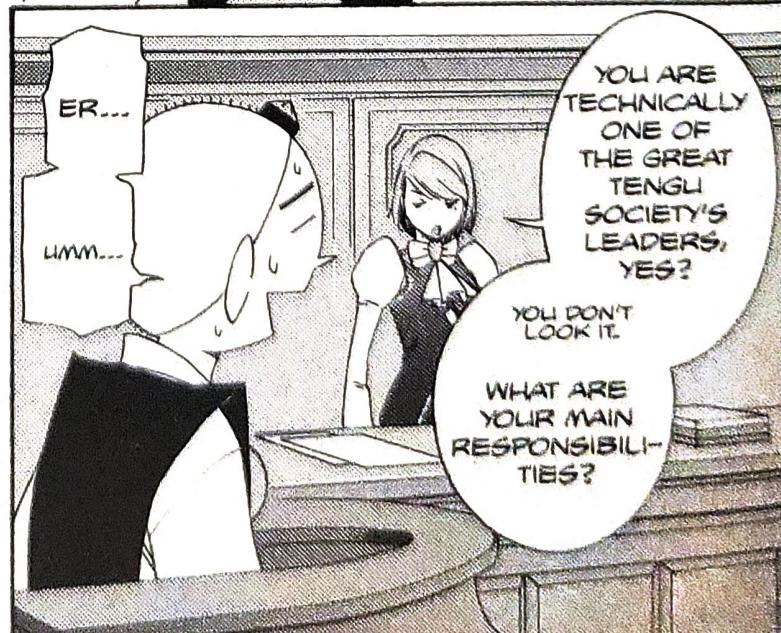
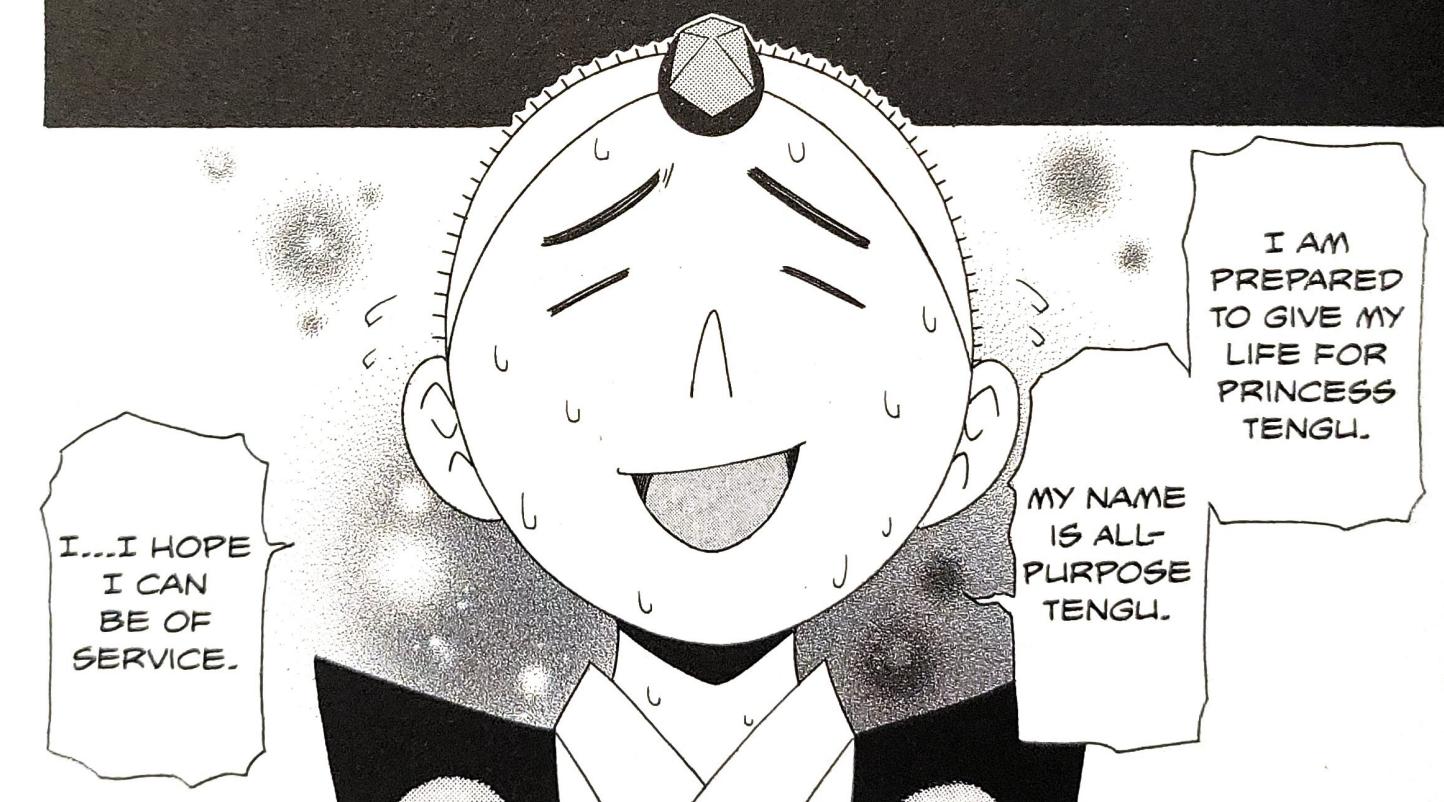
THAT IS MOST
LIKELY WHEN
THE HAT GOT
CALIGHT ON
THE TENGU
STATUE'S
HEAD.

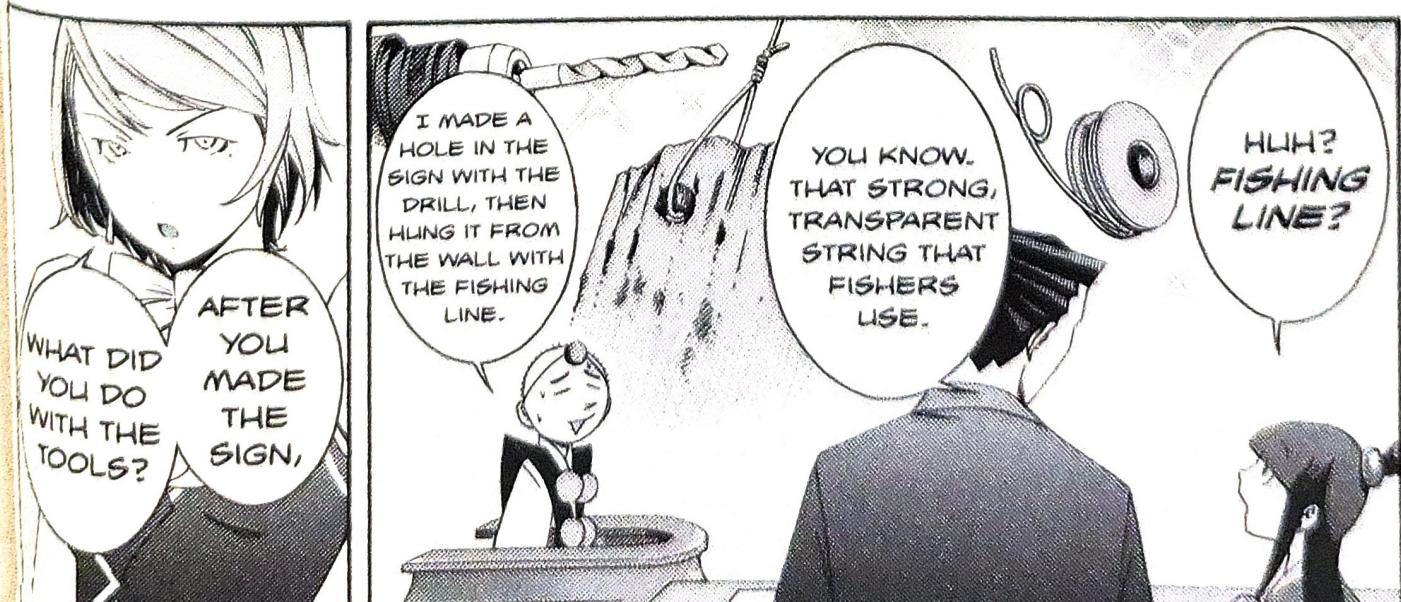
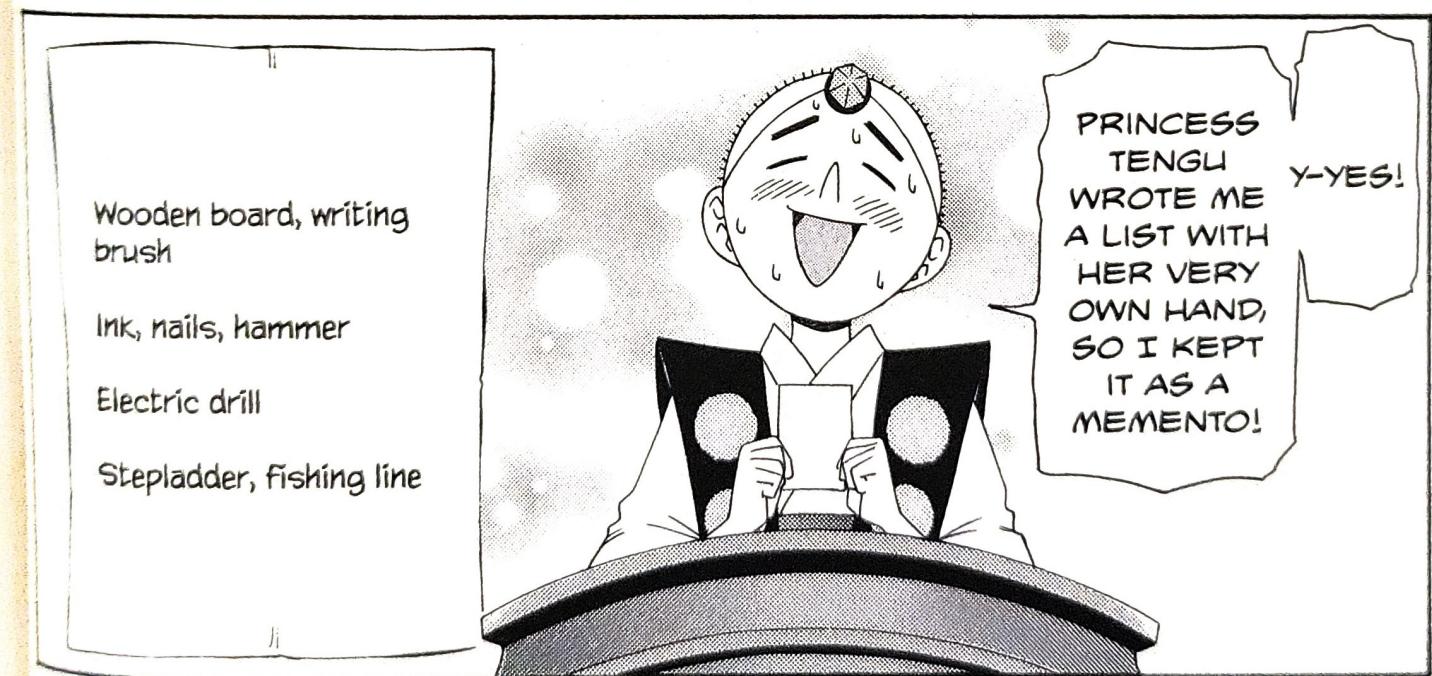
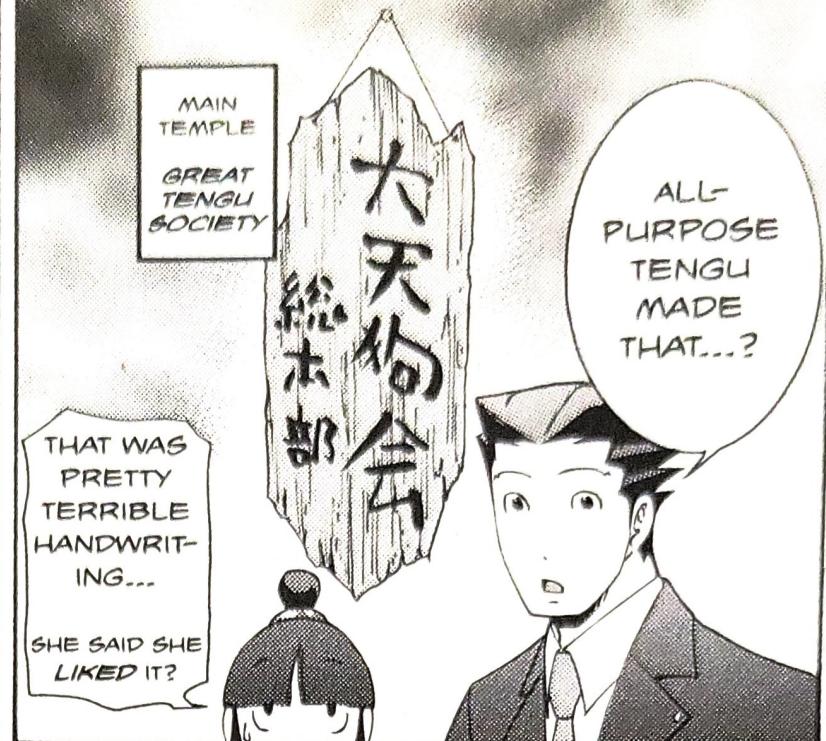
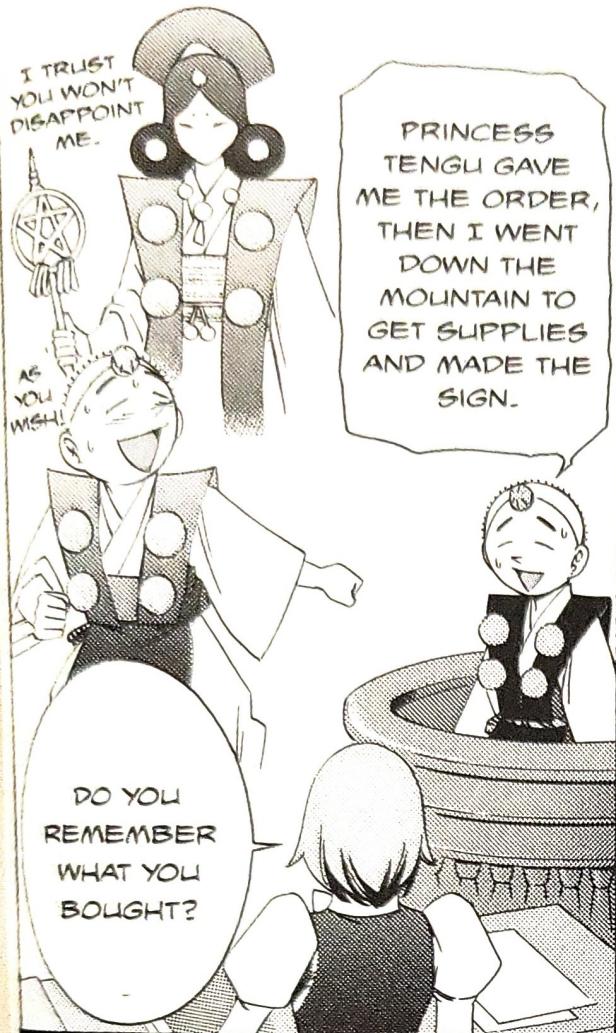
BUT WHEN
THE
ELEVATOR
STARTED, THE
VIBRATIONS
CALISED THE
BODY TO
FALL BACK
INSIDE THE
ELEVATOR
CAR.

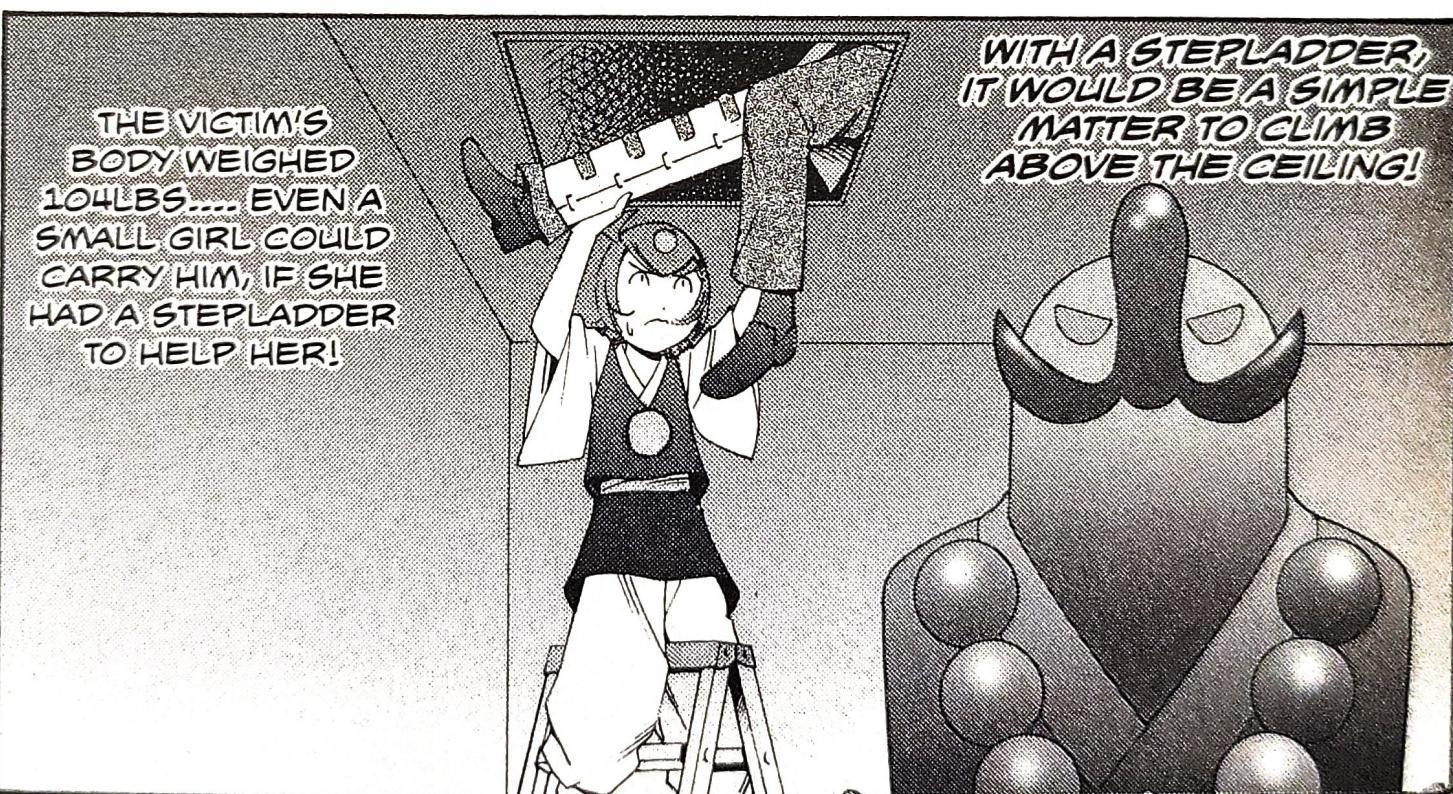
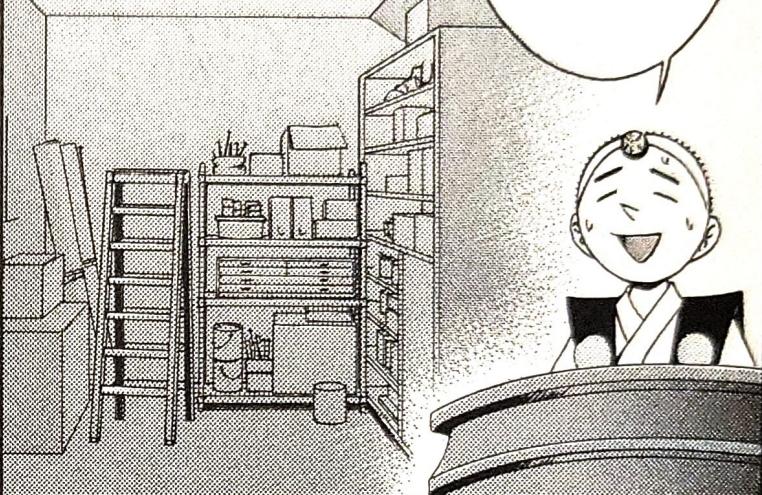
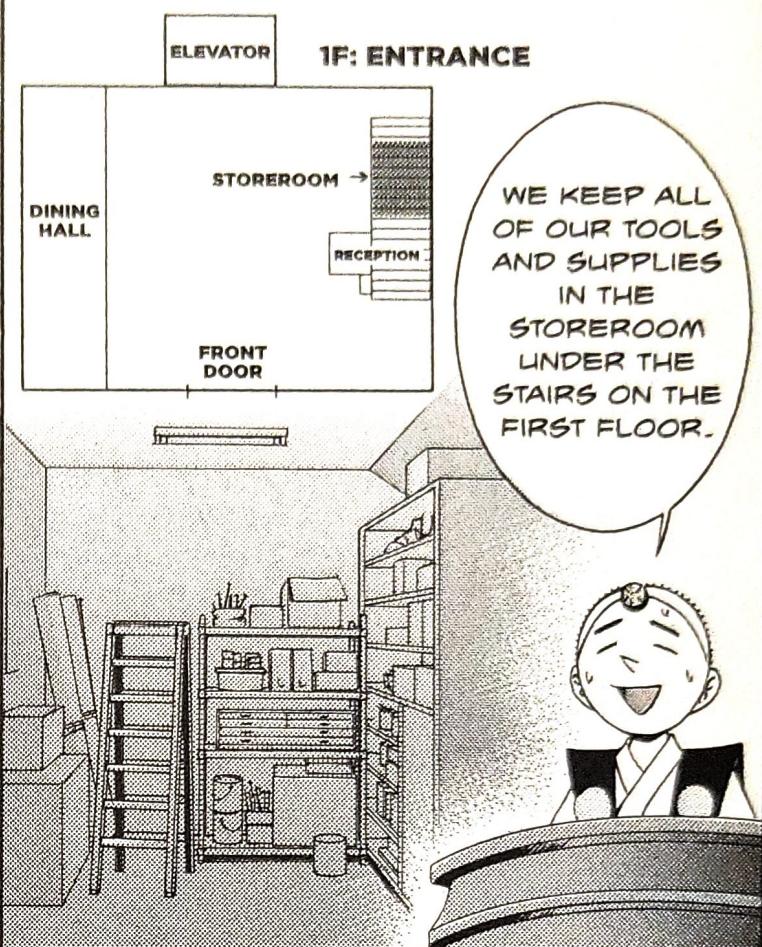
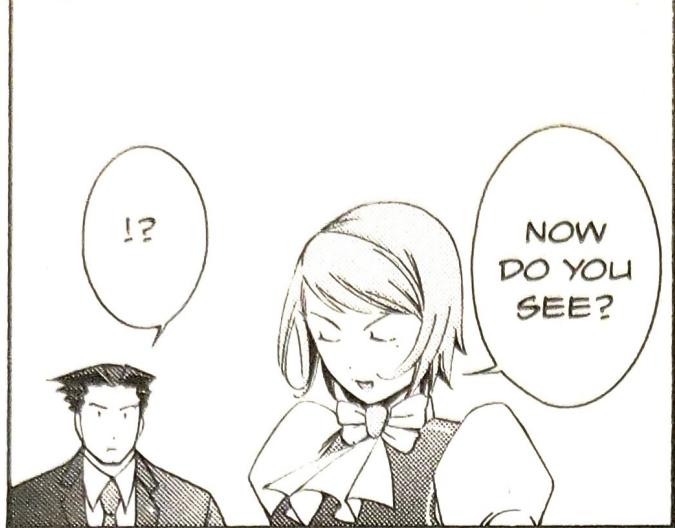
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DISTRICT COURT COURTROOM NO.5: ALL-PURPOSE TENGU'S TESTIMONY







THEN WHO WAS?

RESTROOM

AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER, THE STEPLADDER WAS NOT ON THE FIRST FLOOR!

W...
WELL

SHE WAS NOT THE KILLER!

THEREFORE, RUSSI HAD NO WAY TO GET ABOVE THE CEILING!

ALL THE BELIEVERS BUT THE DEFENDANT WERE UNDERGOING TRAINING ON THE THIRD FLOOR!

POWER TENGU PRINCESS TENGU ALL-PURPOSE TENGU
BELIEVERS

3F: TRAINING HALL

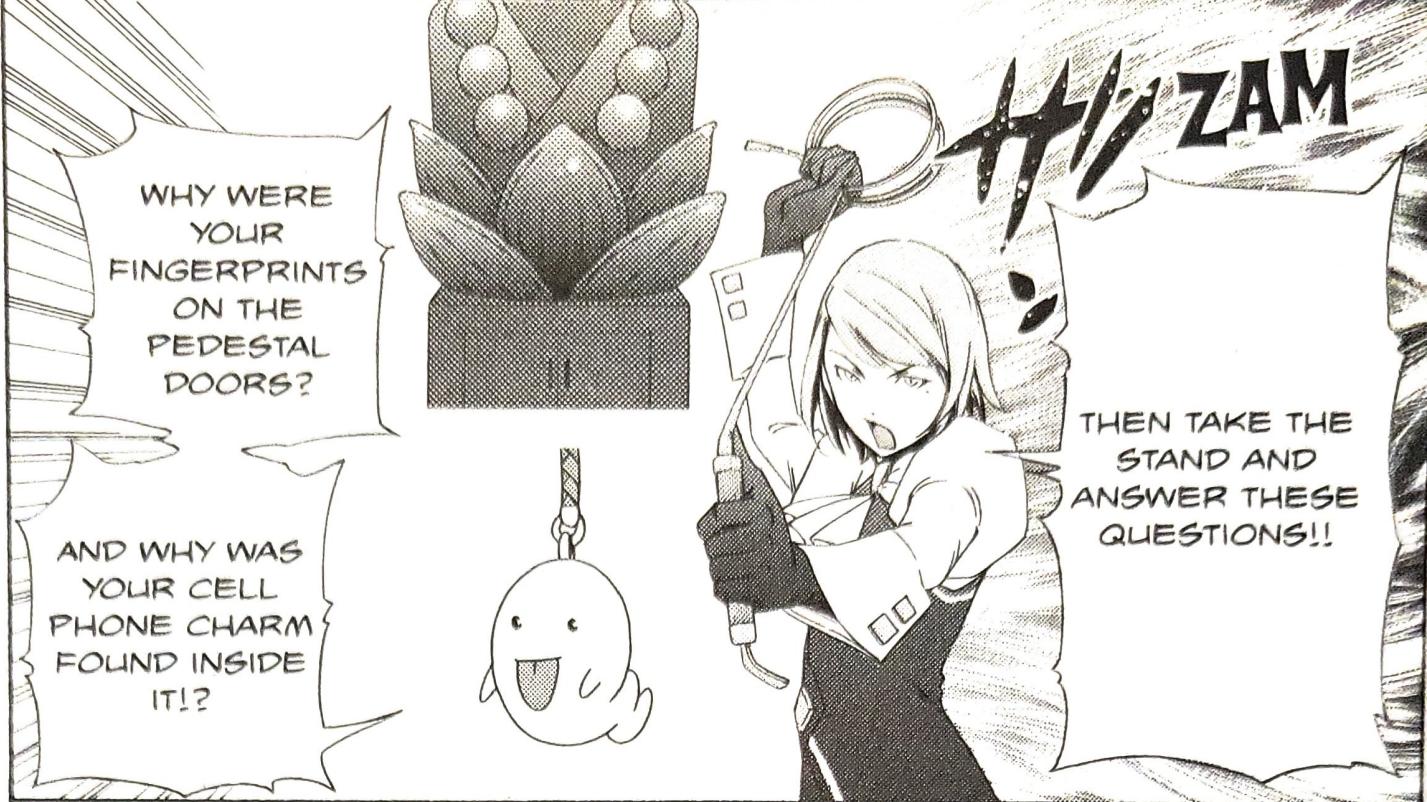
ARE YOU LISTENING? WHEN CASPER SLY DISAPPEARED,

IT WASN'T ME!

NO!

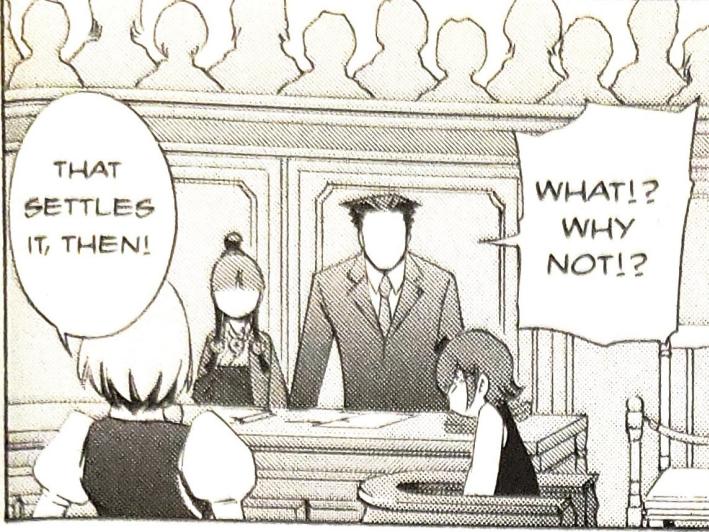
IS THE ONE PERSON WHO WAS ON THE FIRST FLOOR!

THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD A CHANCE TO KILL HIM



DISTRICT COURT
COURTROOM NO.5: DEFENDANT QUESTIONING





I SAW HIM
WITH MY
OWN TWO
EYES...

IT'S
TRUE...

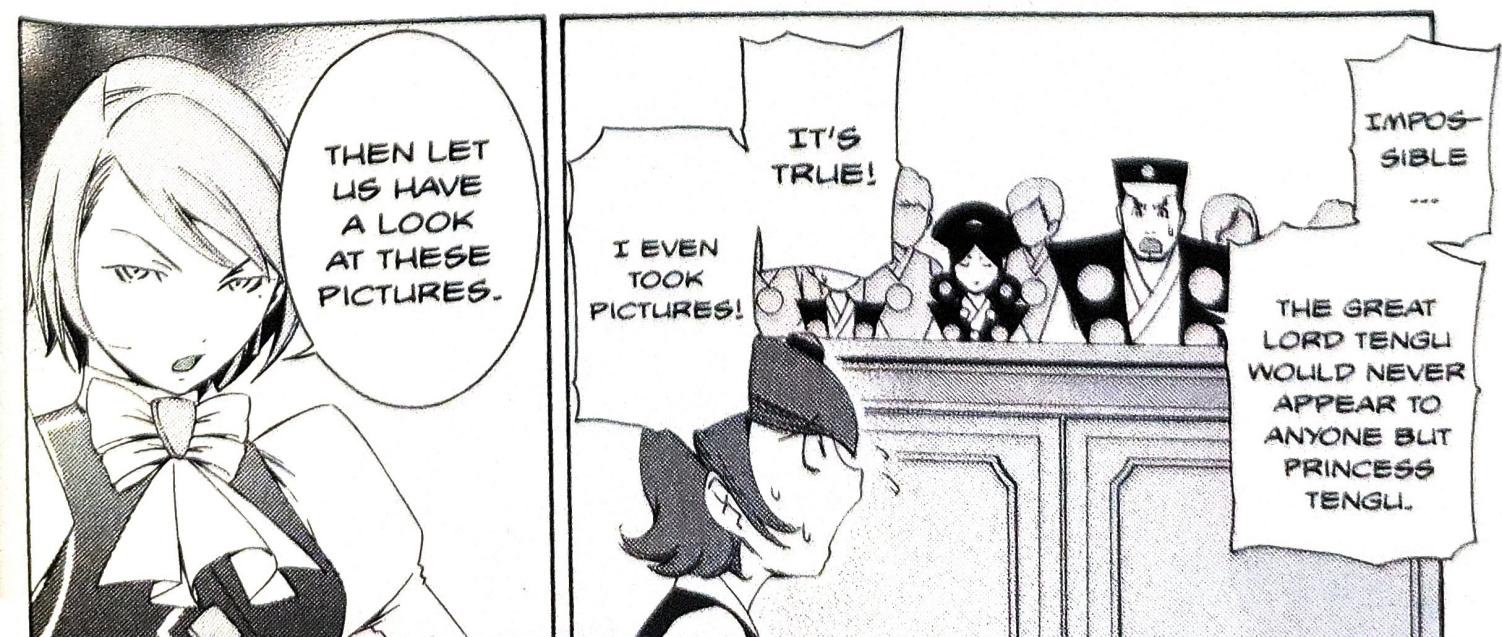
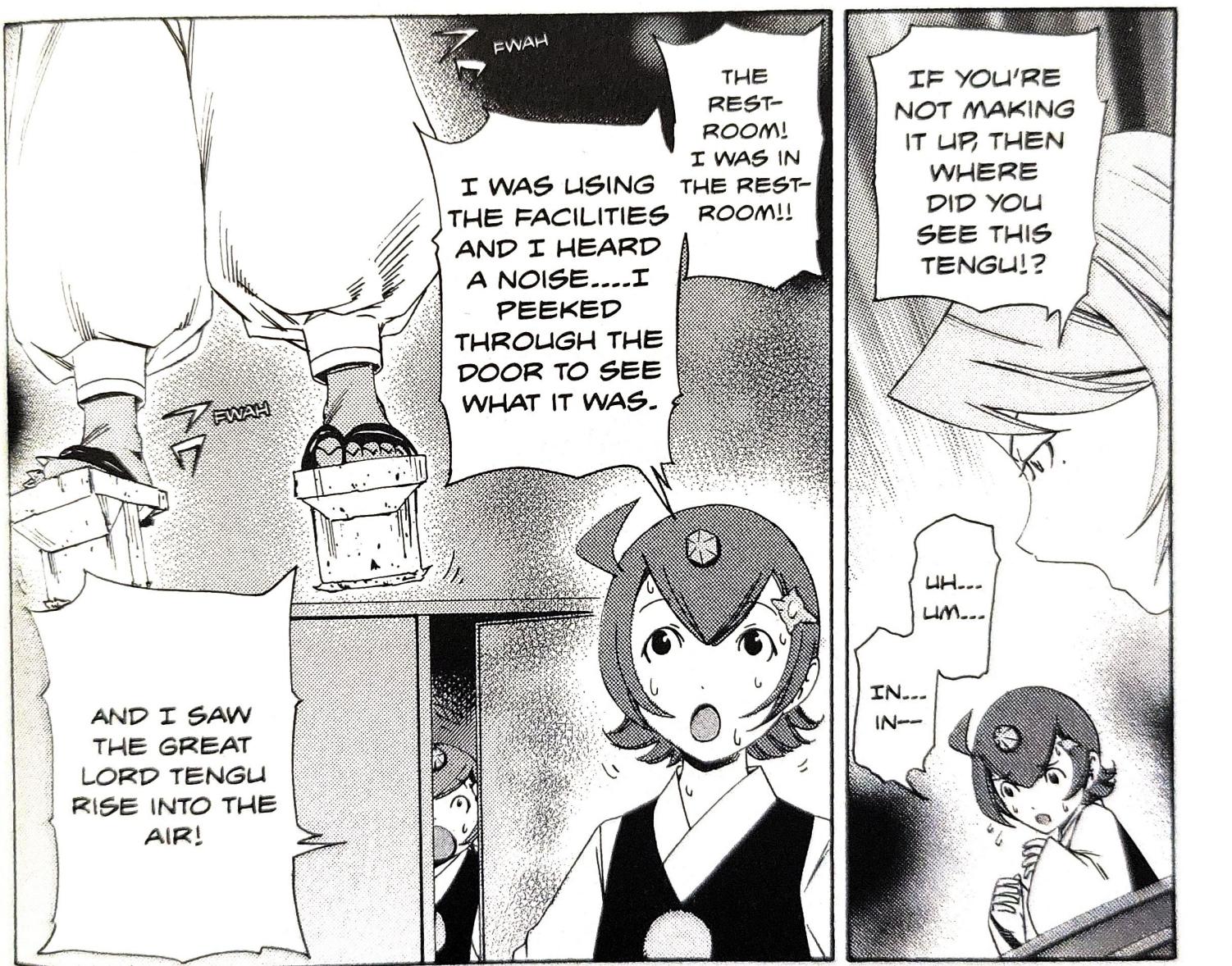
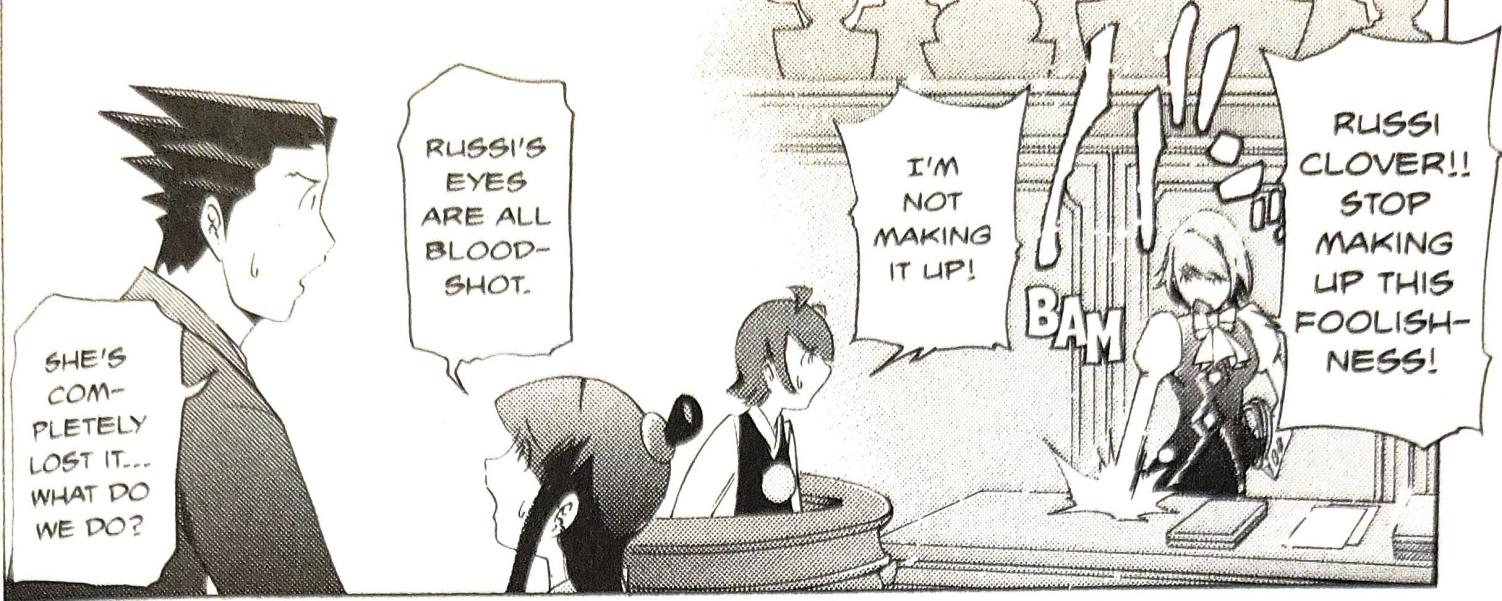
THE NIGHT BEFORE THE
MURDER, I SAW THE GREAT
LORD TENGU FLOAT INTO
THE SKY AND DISAPPEAR
INTO THE DARKNESS.

I WASN'T
IMAGINING IT...

THE GREAT LORD
TENGU REALLY
EXISTS!!

SO THE GREAT
LORD TENGU
PUNISHED
HIM!!

THAT
DETECTIVE
WAS A
HERETIC.
HE BENT
OUR PATRON
DEITY'S
NOSE...



I NOW
DECLARE
THE
DEFENDANT,
RUSSI
CLOVER...

I DON'T
HAVE MY
CAMERA...

...UM,
WELL...

TH-THIS
IS BAD,
NICK!!

I SEE NO
NEED TO
CONTINUE
THIS
TRIAL.

I'M
FLABBER-
GASTED,
MYSELF.

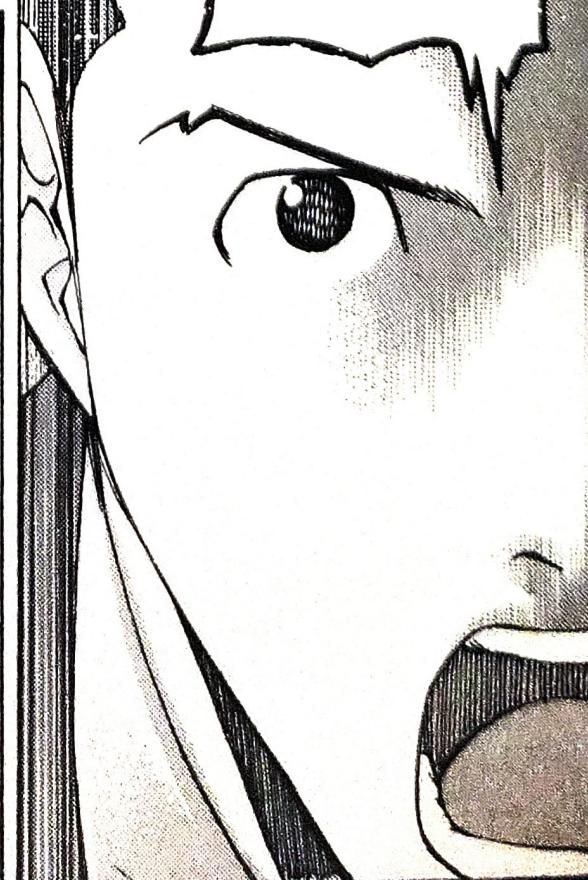
SIGH...
I SEE THE
DEFENDANT
HAS NO
INTENTION OF
TELLING US
THE TRUTH.

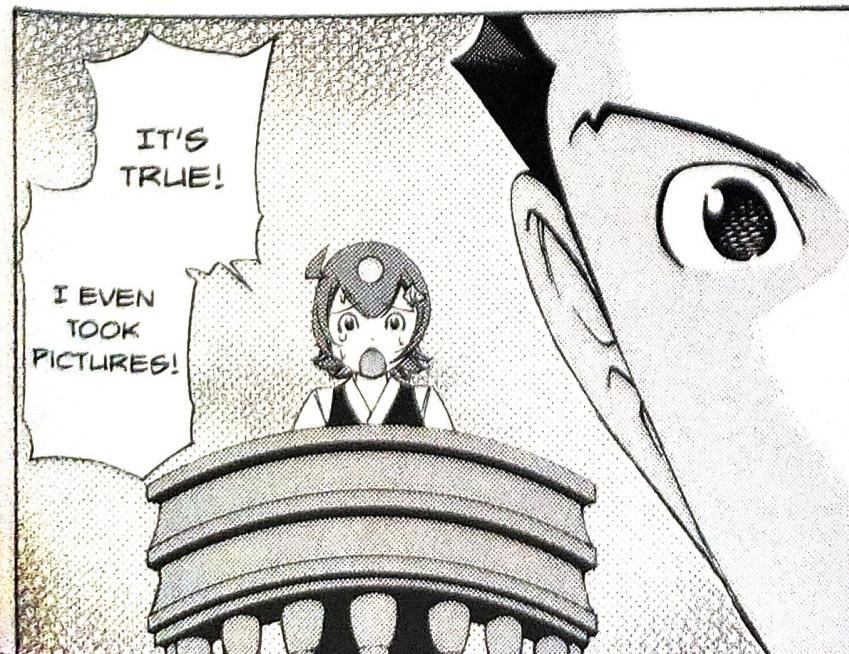
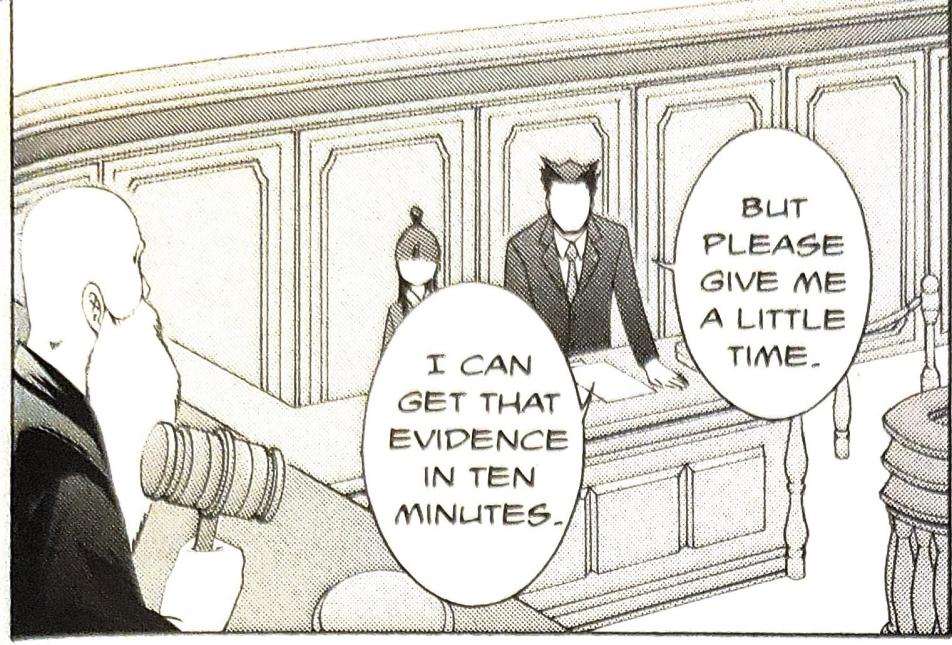
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LUCK,
NICK!

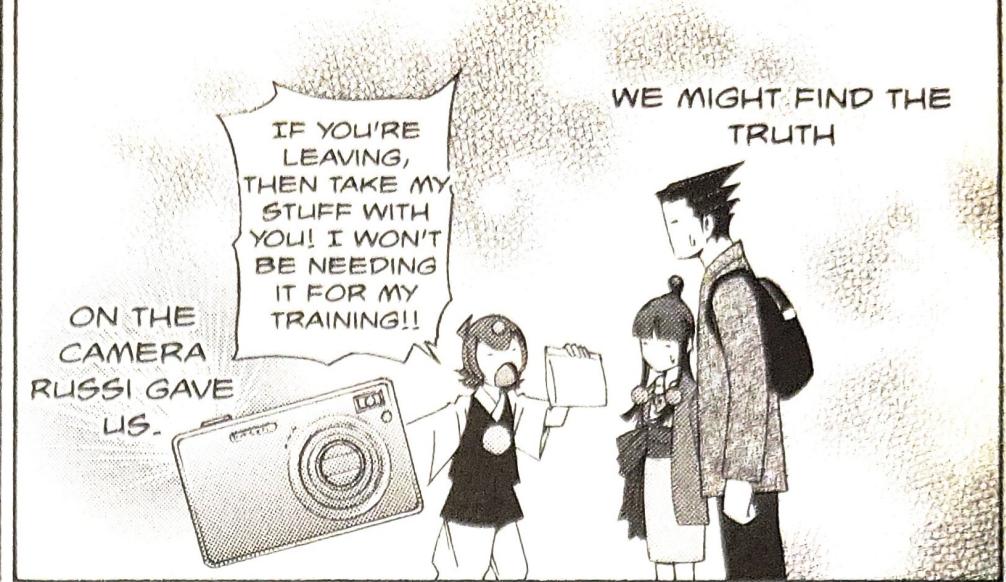
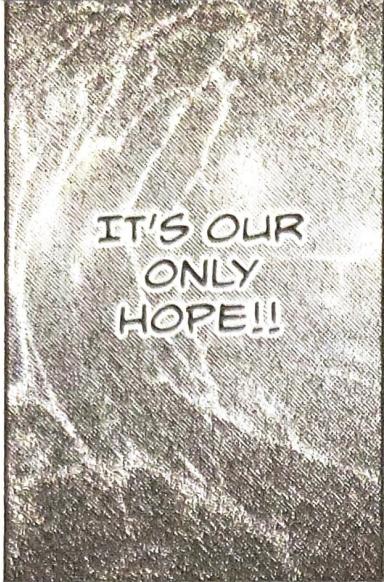
THERE
IT IS!!

HOLD
IT!!

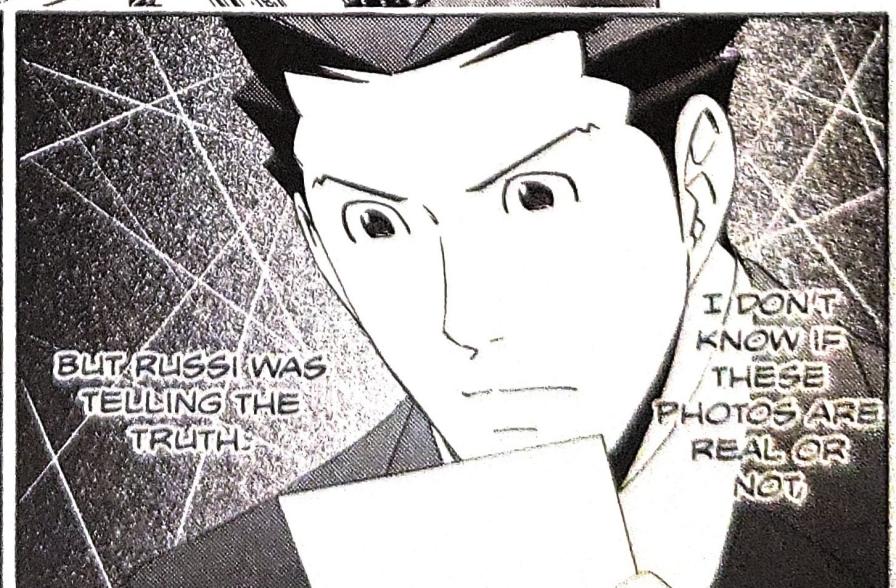
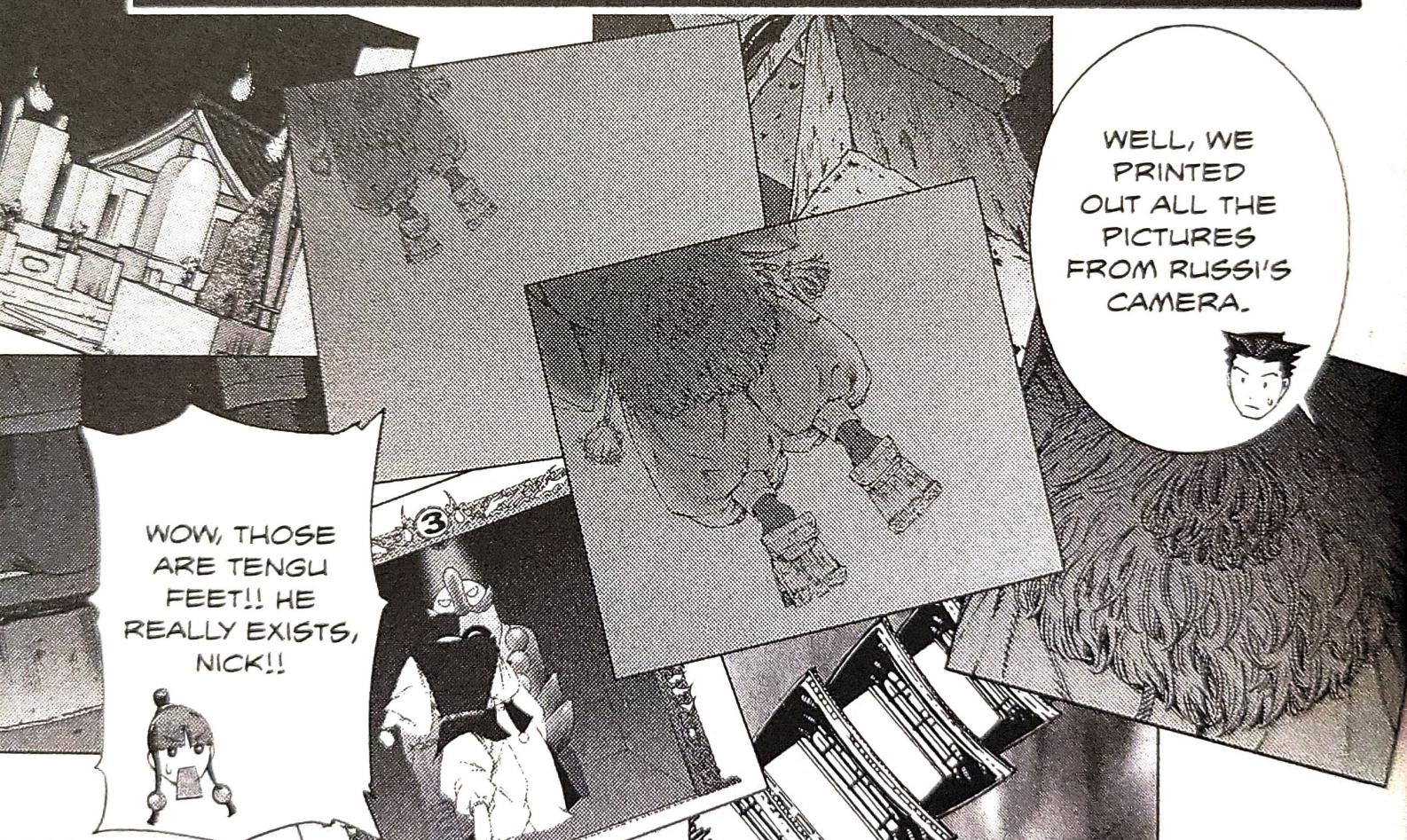
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HAVE YOU
COME UP
WITH SOME
EVIDENCE
TO PROVE
YOUR CLIENT
INNOCENT?

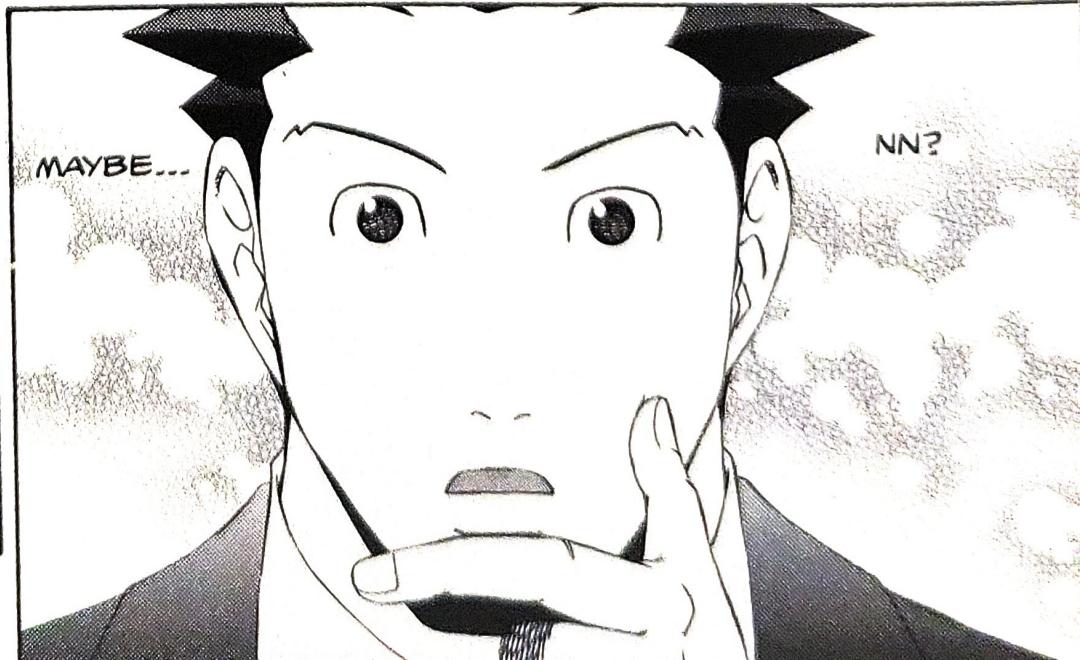
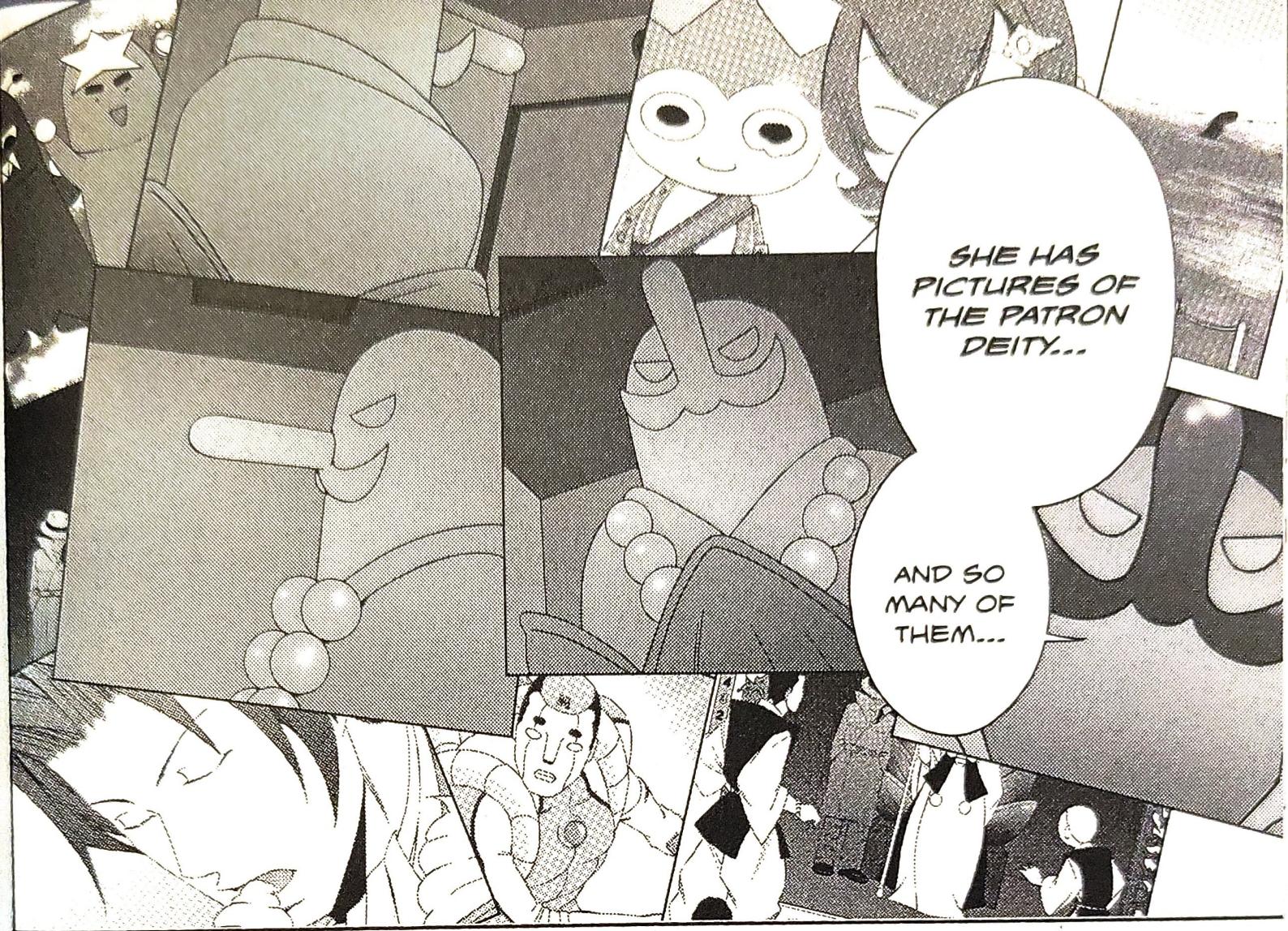




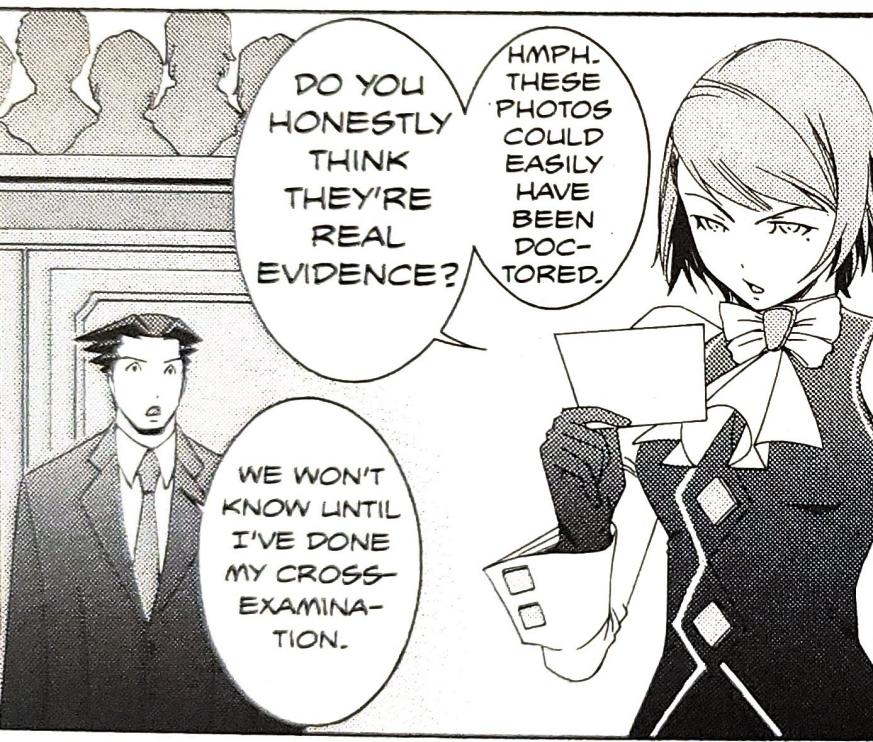
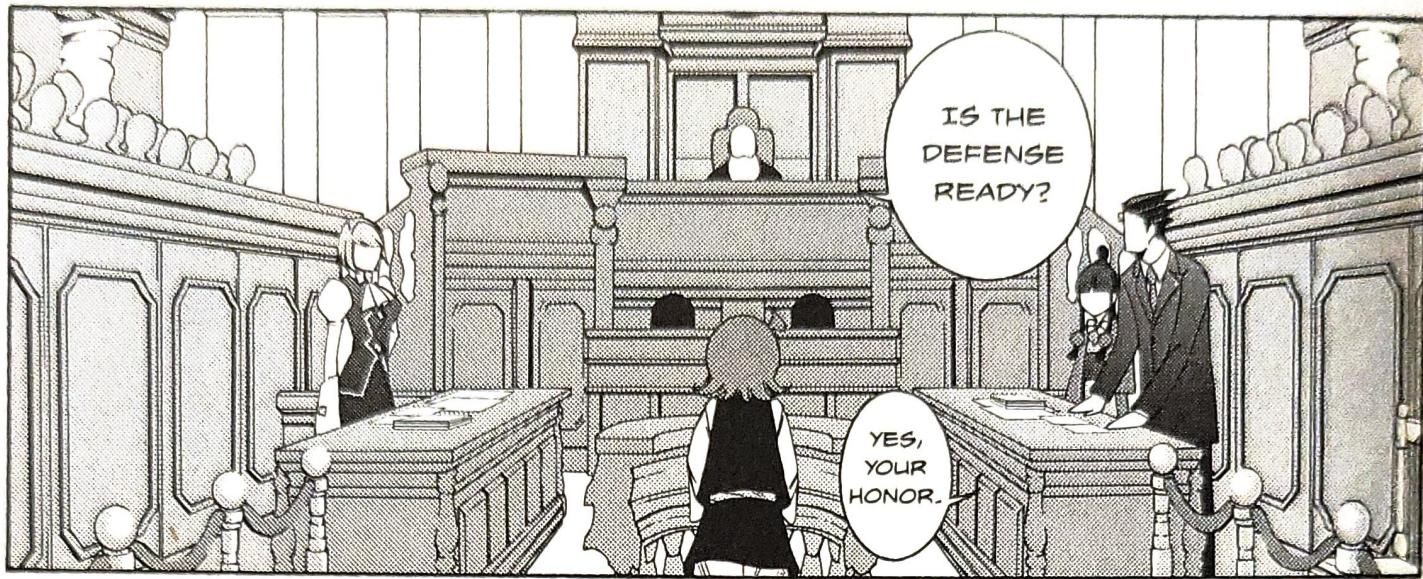


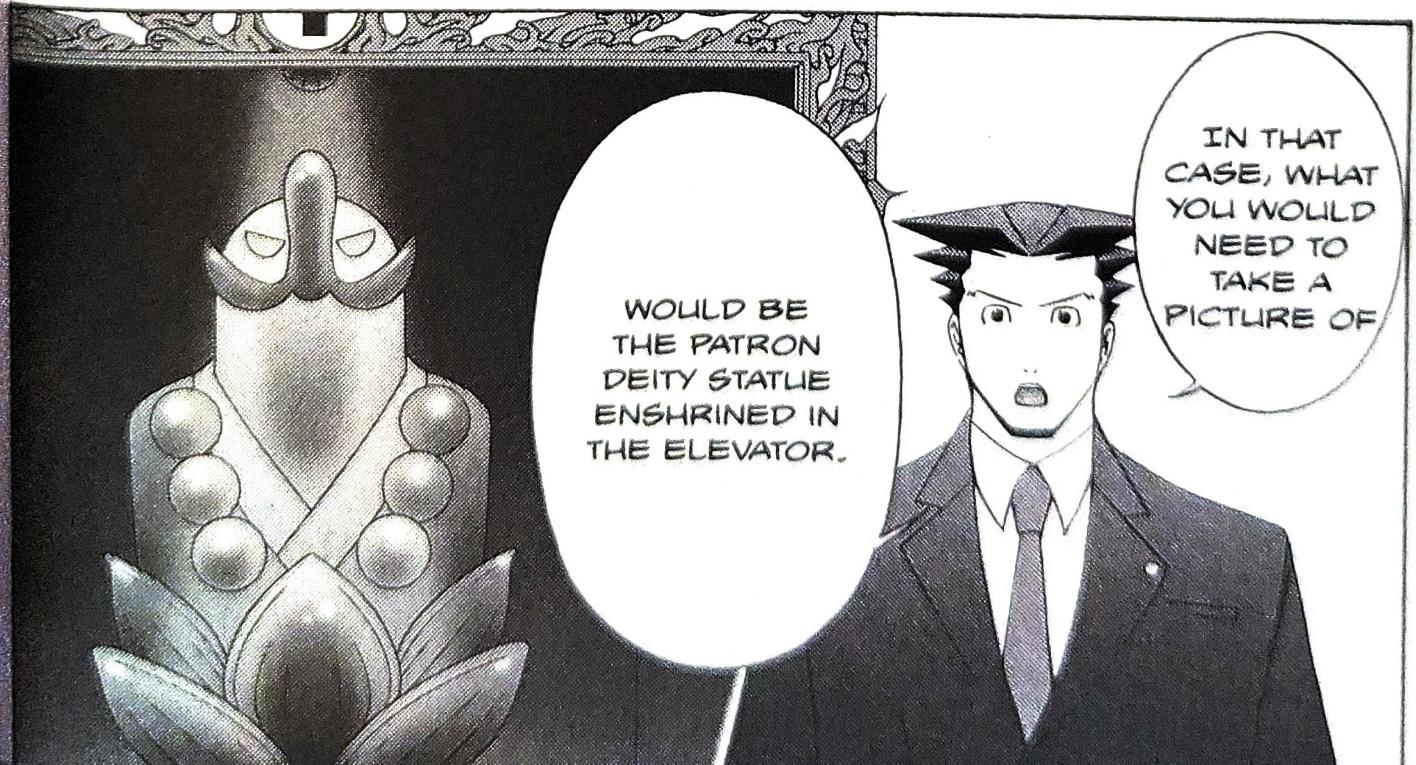
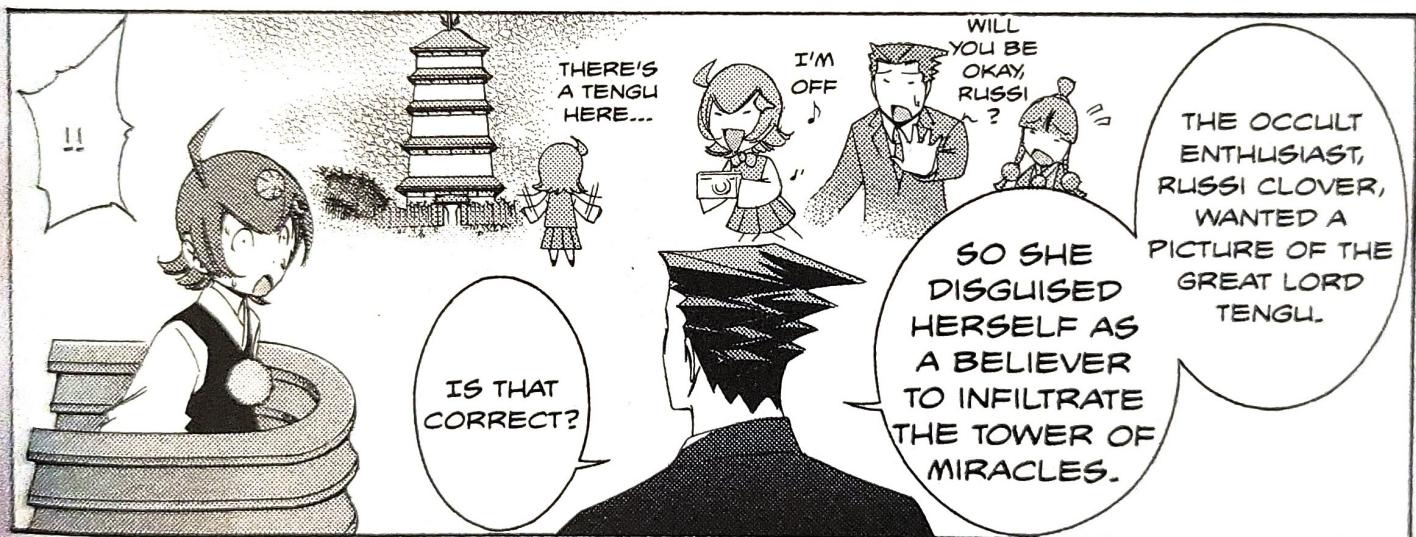
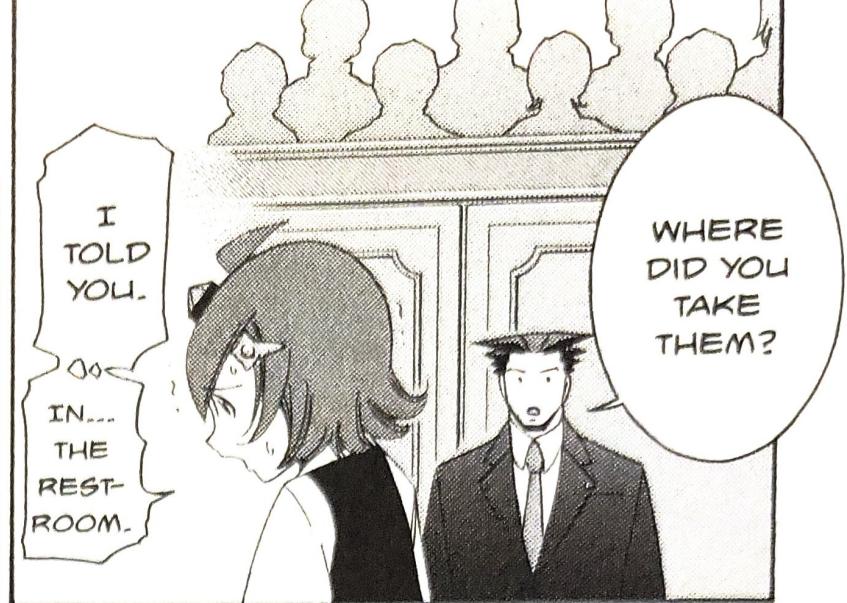
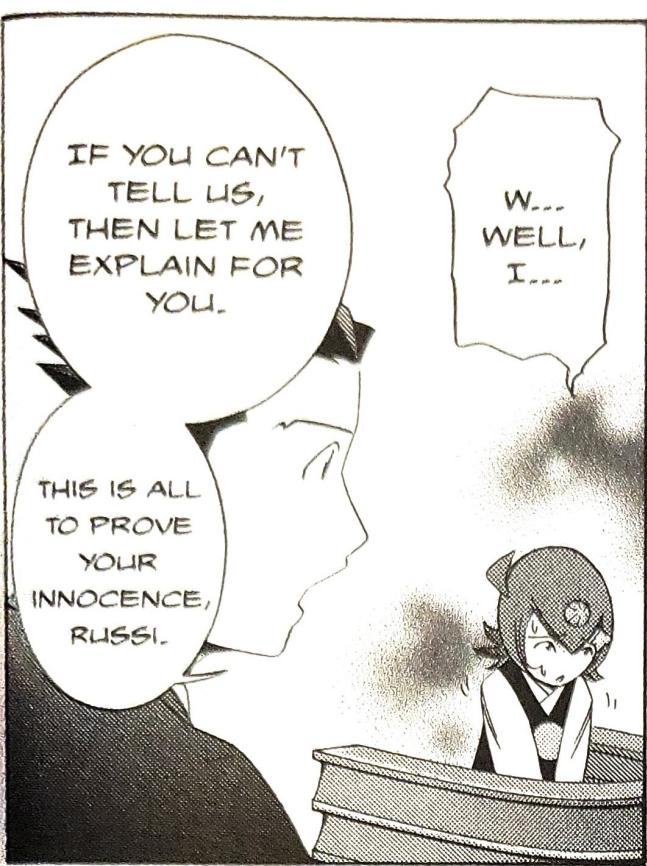
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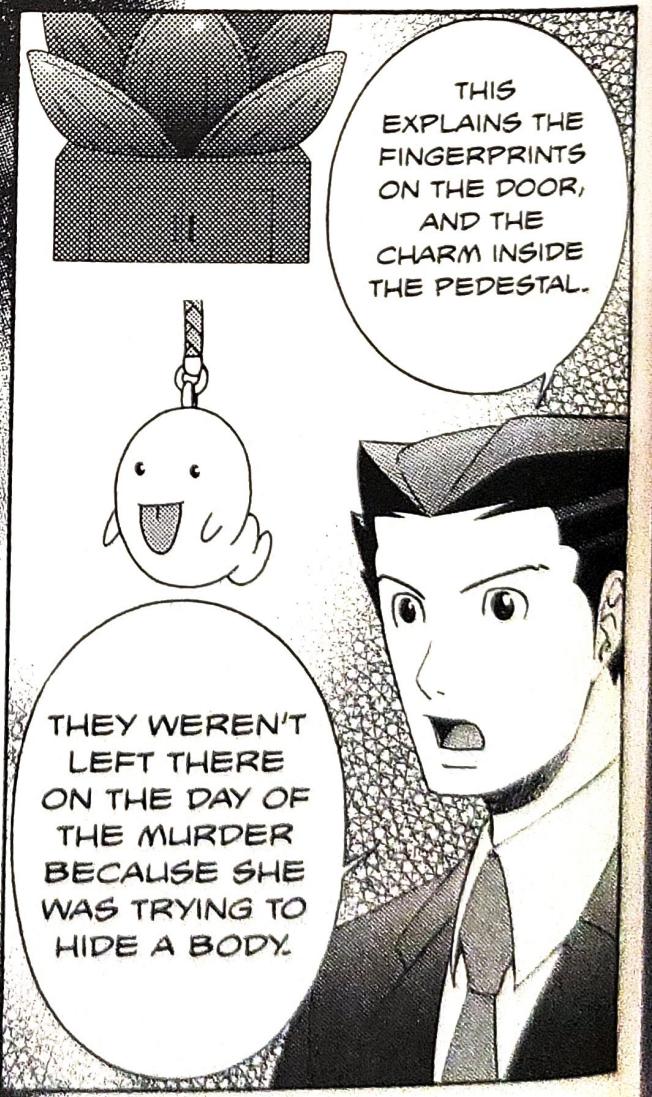
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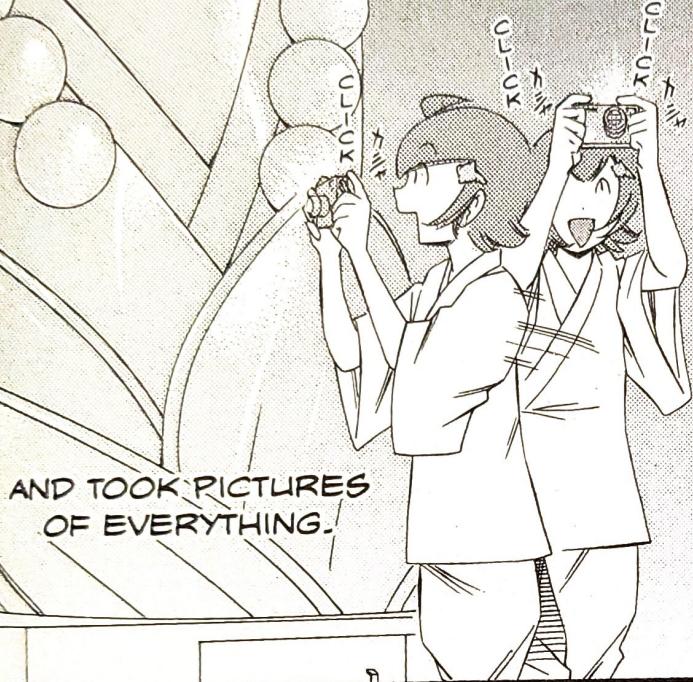
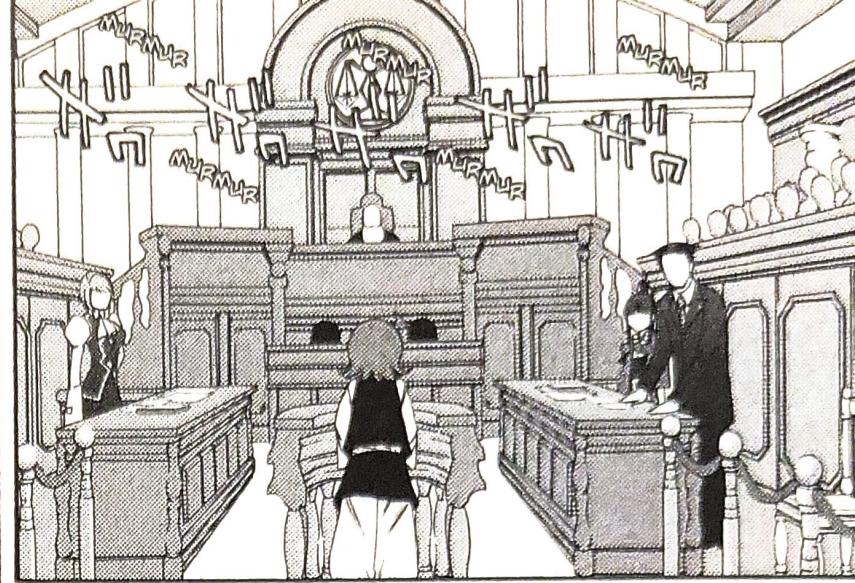




THEY WERE LEFT THERE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MURDER, WHEN SHE SNUCK INTO THE ELEVATOR TO GET A PICTURE OF THE GREAT LORD TENGU.



THE TRUTH IS, I
SNUCK INTO THE
CRADLE

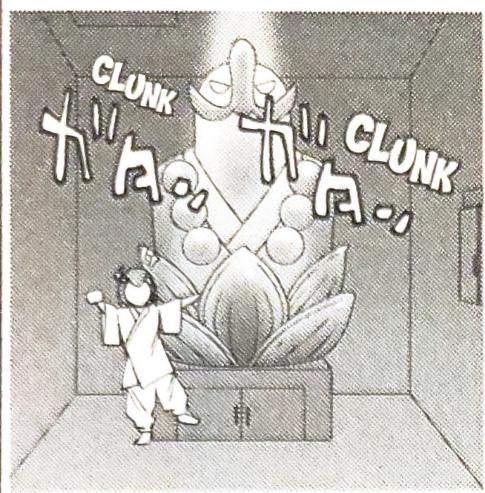


RUSSI.
YOU'LL TELL
US THE
TRUTH NOW,
WON'T YOU?

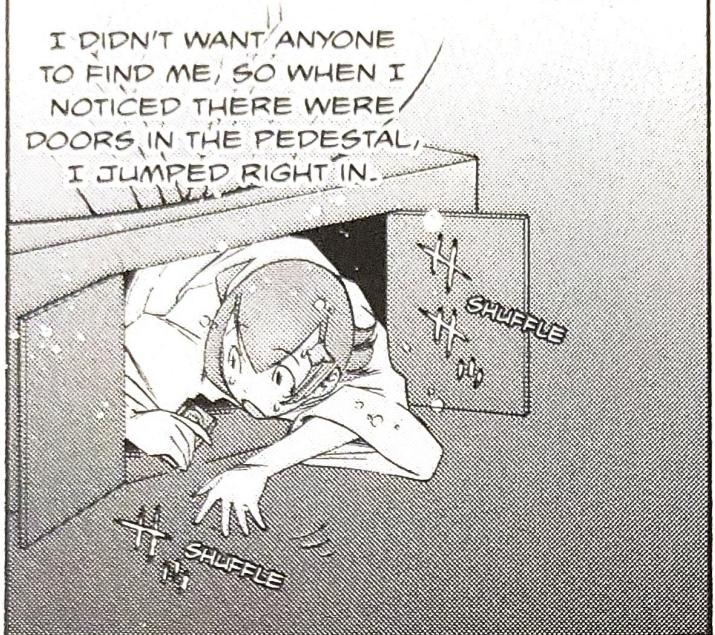


...YES,
SIR.

THE CRADLE IS
SACRED! IT IS
FORBIDDEN FOR
ALL BUT PRINCESS
TENGLI TO ENTER!!



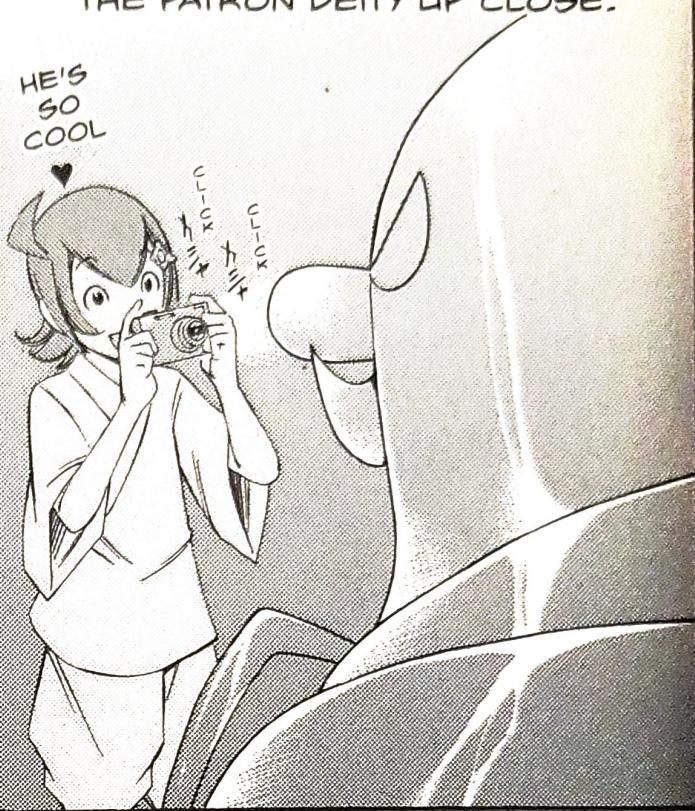
I WAS SO WRAPPED UP IN TAKING PICTURES, I LOST TRACK OF EVERYTHING ELSE. SUDDENLY, THE ELEVATOR STARTED TO MOVE.



I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO FIND ME, SO WHEN I NOTICED THERE WERE DOORS IN THE PEDESTAL, I JUMPED RIGHT IN.

IT WAS AT ABOUT ONE IN THE MORNING, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MURDER. I SNUCK INTO THE ELEVATOR WITH MY CAMERA.

I WANTED TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE PATRON DEITY UP CLOSE.



FINALLY, IT SEEMED LIKE NO ONE WAS THERE, SO I OPENED THE DOOR A CRACK TO MAKE SURE THE COAST WAS CLEAR.



THE ELEVATOR WENT UP AND DOWN, AND SOMEONE GOT INSIDE AT ONE POINT.

I HELD MY BREATH AS MUCH AS I COULD, SO THAT NO ONE WOULD FIND ME.



THEN THE GREAT
LORD TENGU FLOATED
INTO THE AIR...

AND WHEN THE
ELEVATOR GOT TO
THE FIRST FLOOR, HE
WAS GONE.

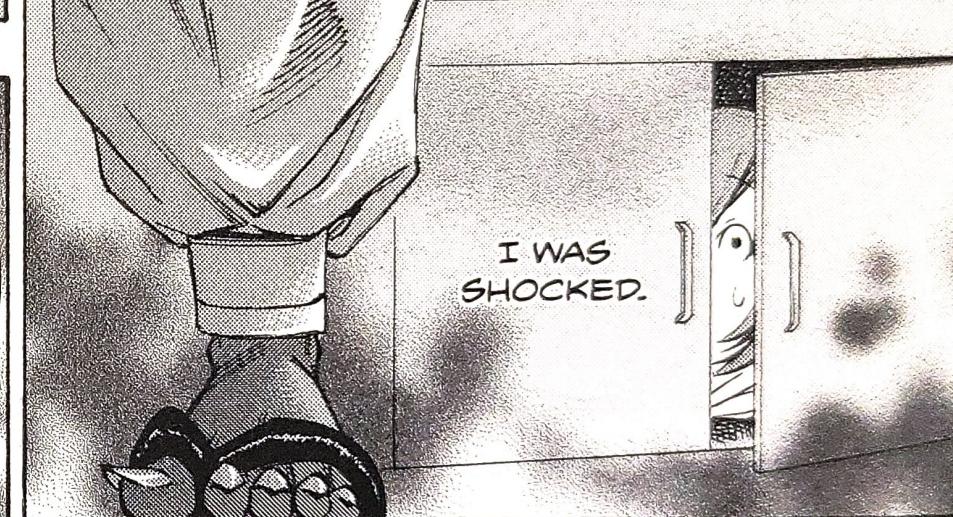


THEN I
WENT
TO MY
ROOM.

I...
PANICKED
AND GOT
OFF AT
THE FIRST
FLOOR.



AND THE GREAT
LORD TENGU
WAS STANDING
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF ME!

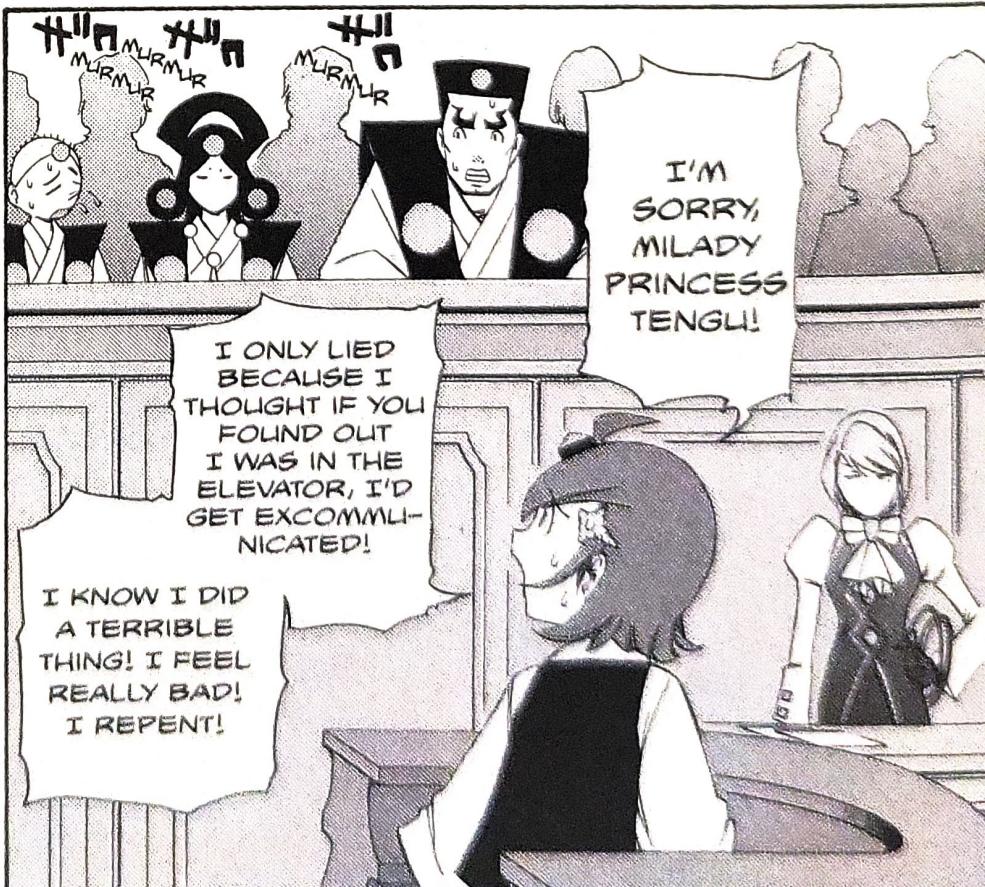


I WAS
SHOCKED.



I'LL NEVER
DO IT AGAIN!
PLEASE
DON'T EX-
COMMUNI-
CATE ME!!

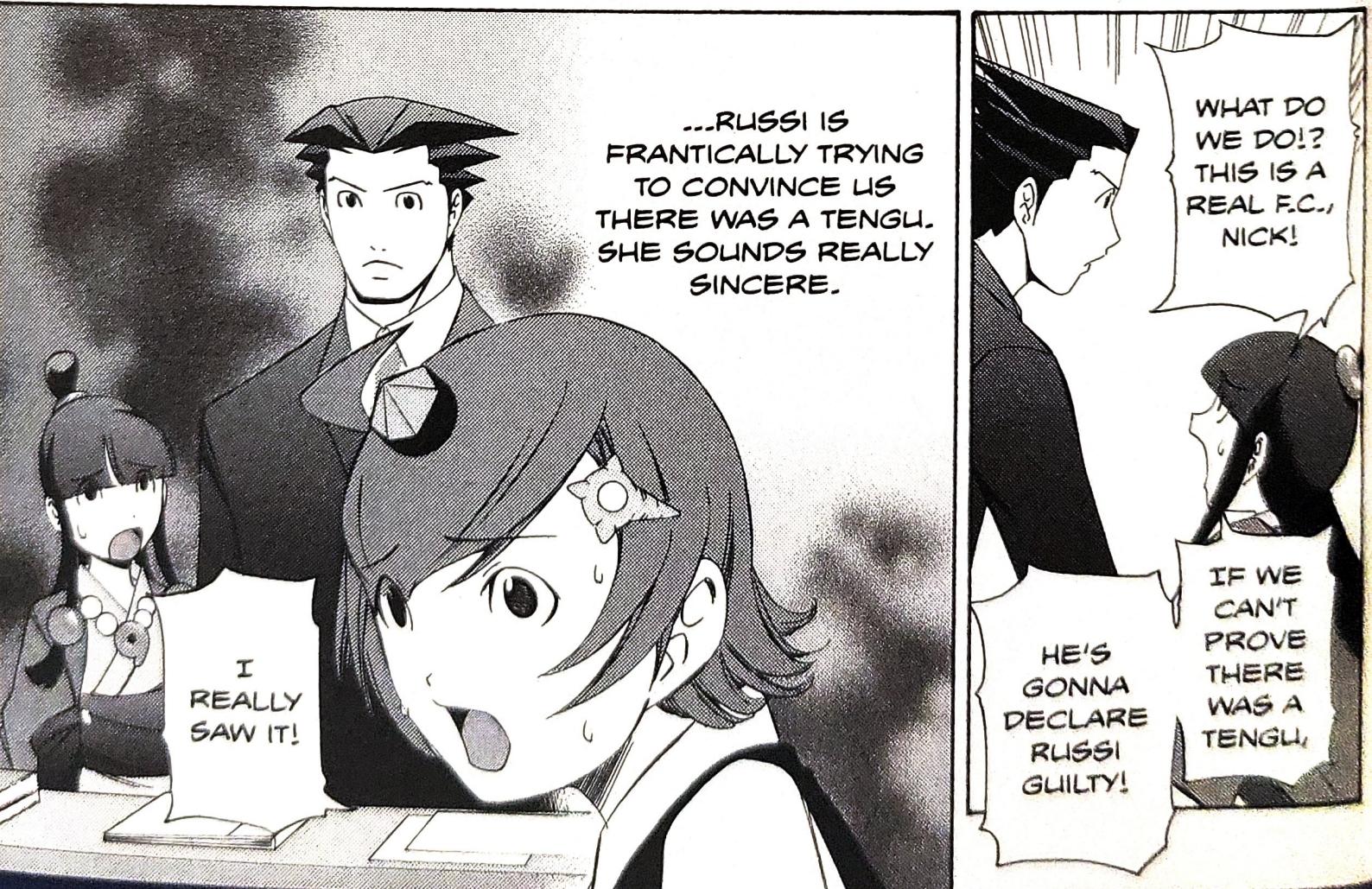
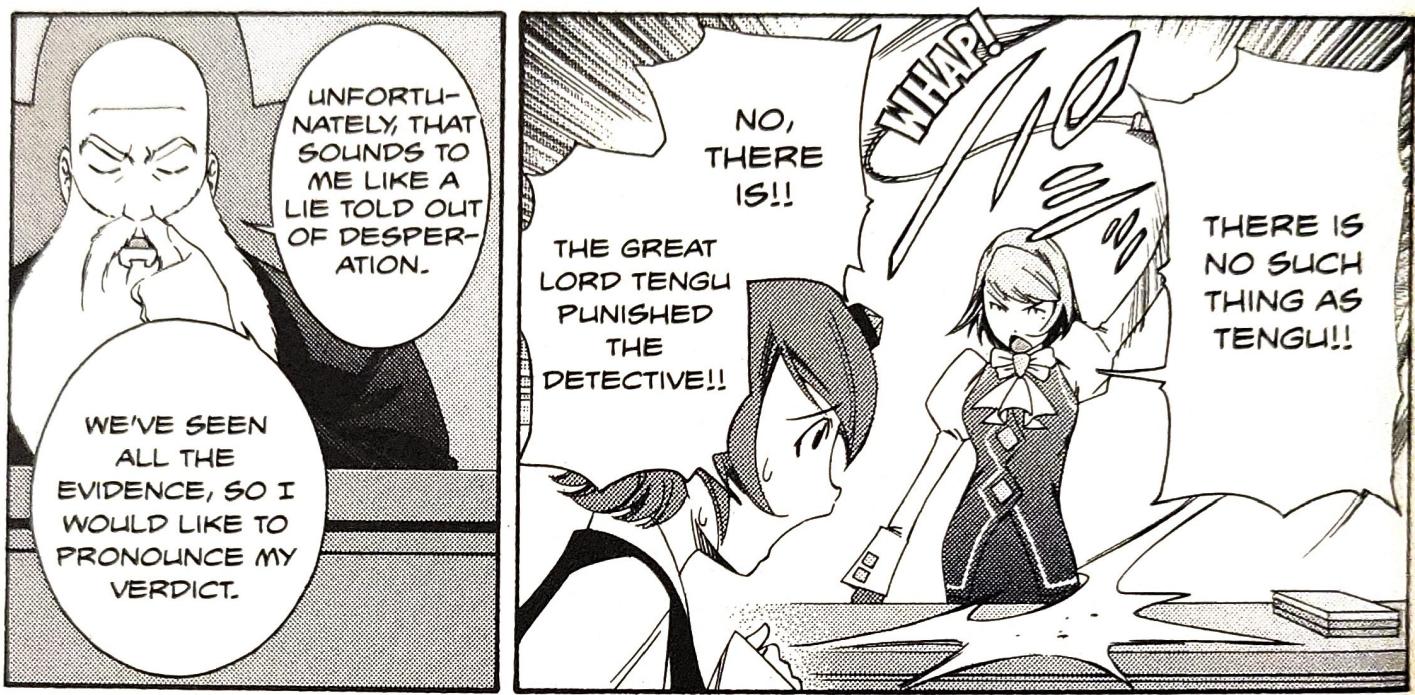
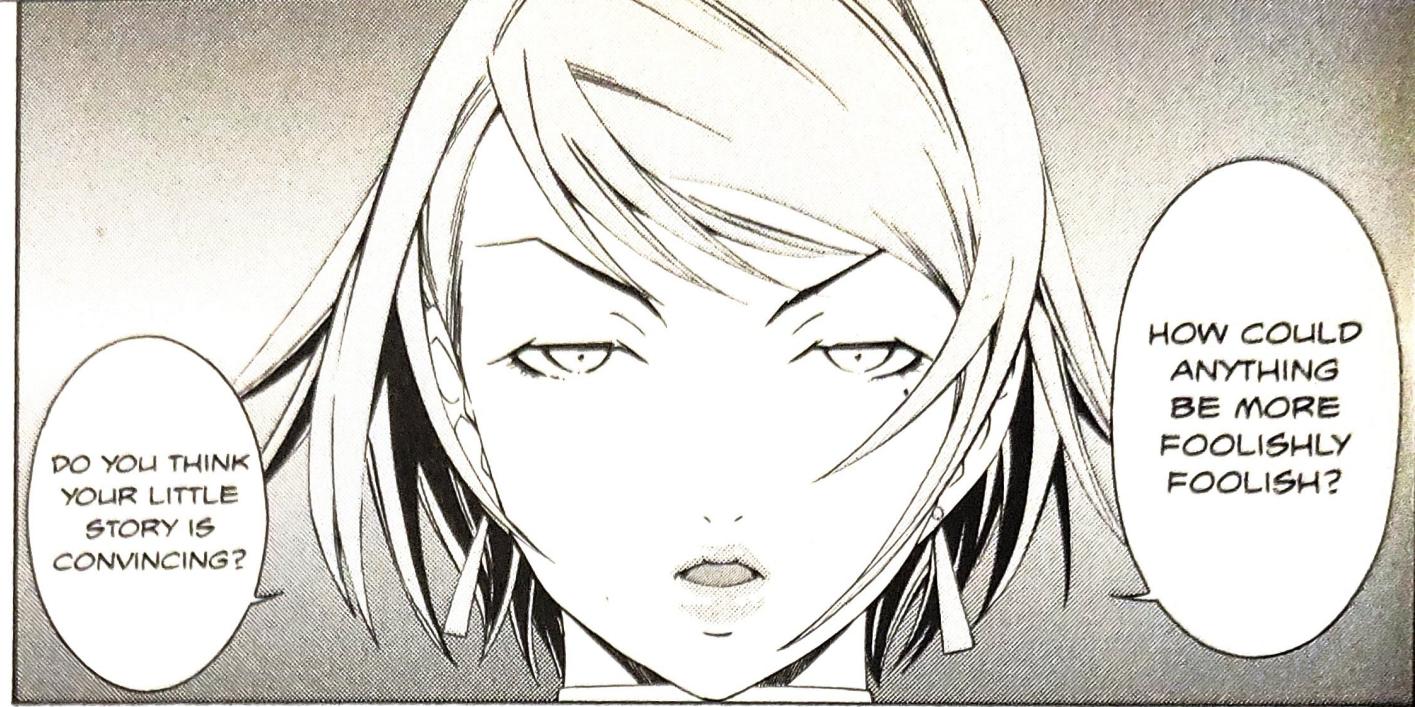
I'VE TURNED
OVER A NEW
LEAF NOW
THAT I'VE
SEEN THE
GREAT LORD
TENGU FLY
INTO THE
SKY!

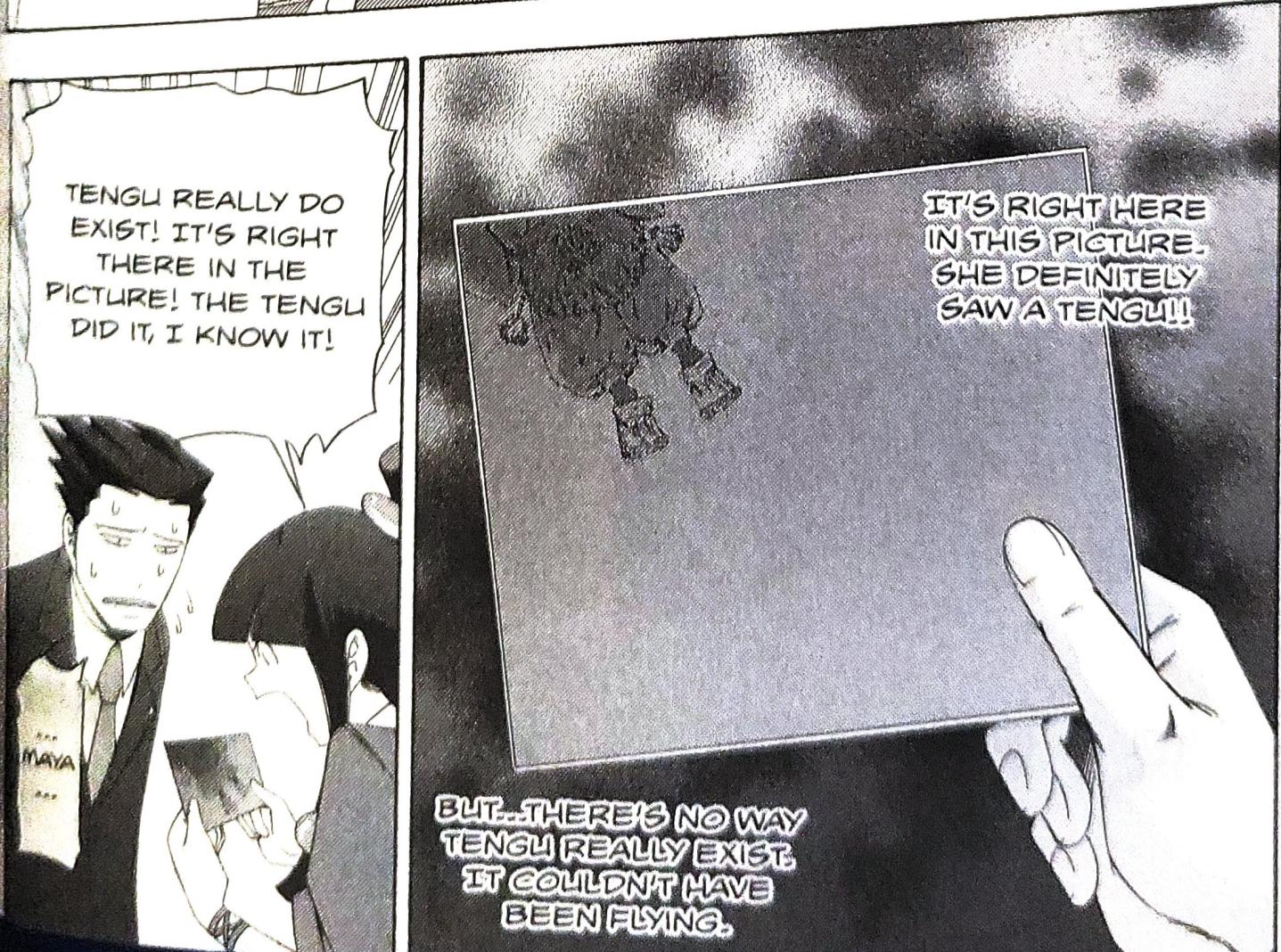
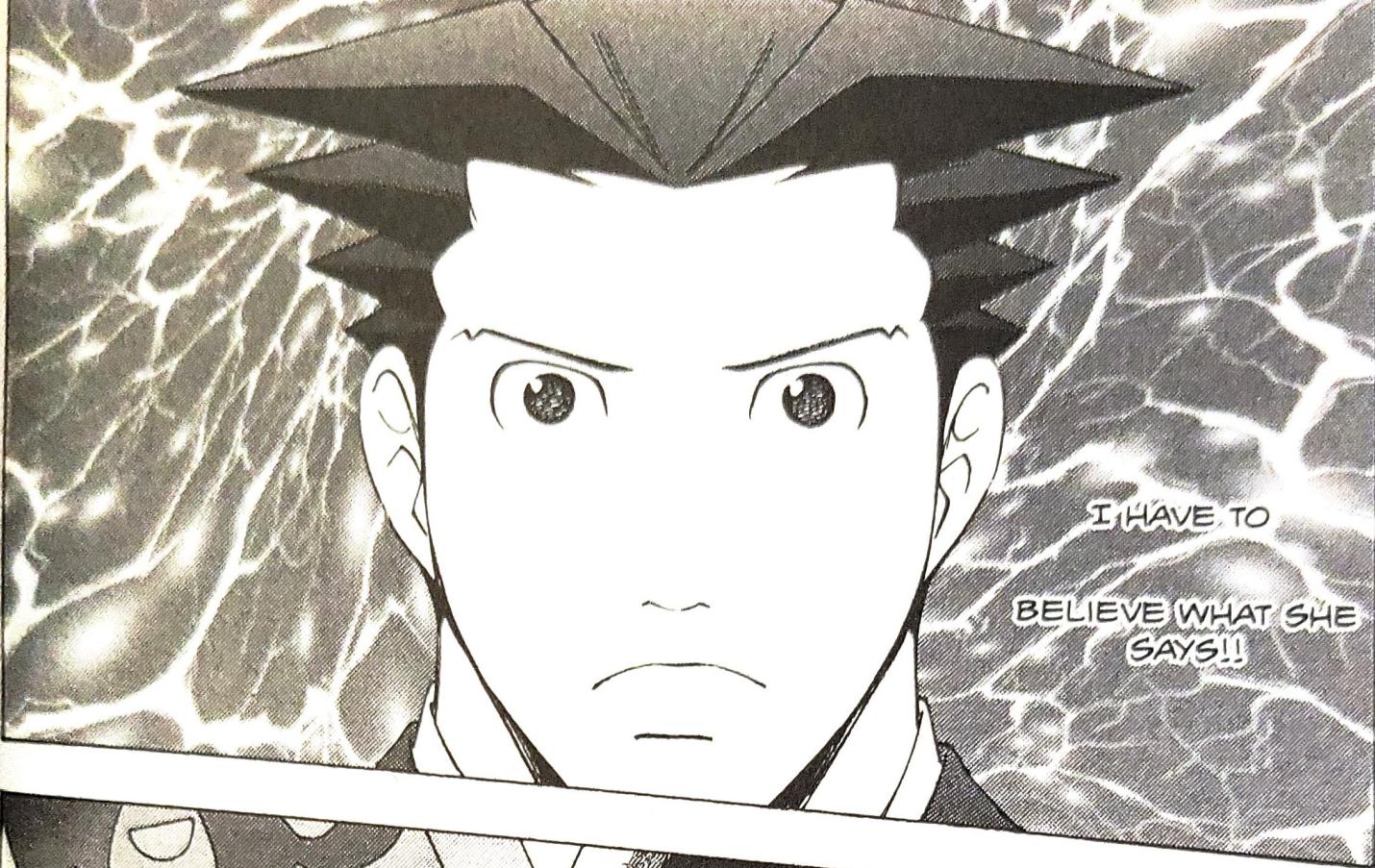


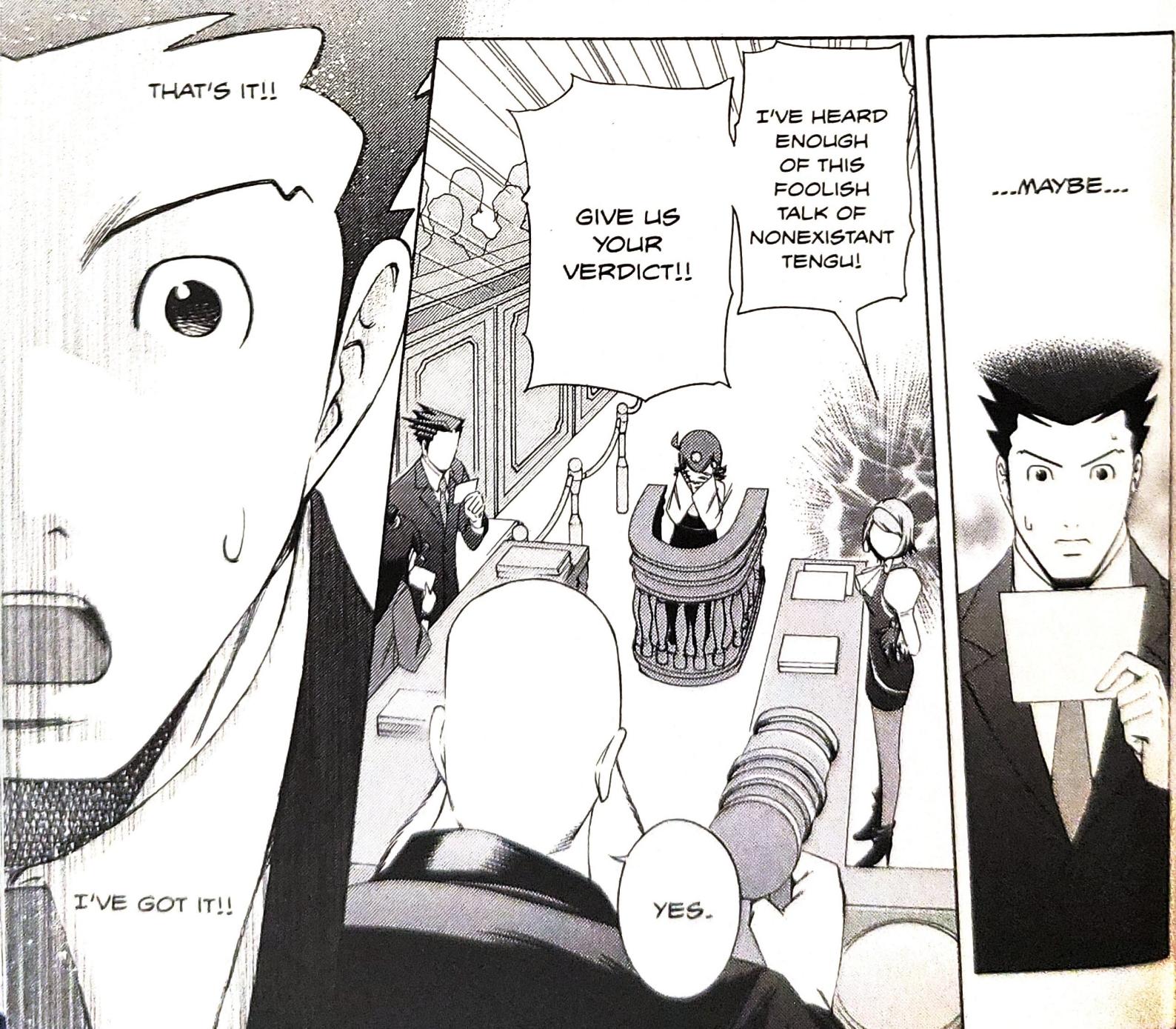
I ONLY LIED
BECAUSE I
THOUGHT IF YOU
FOUND OUT
I WAS IN THE
ELEVATOR, I'D
GET EXCOMMUNI-
CATED!

I KNOW I DID
A TERRIBLE
THING! I FEEL
REALLY BAD!
I REPENT!

I'M
SORRY,
MILADY
PRINCESS
TENGU!



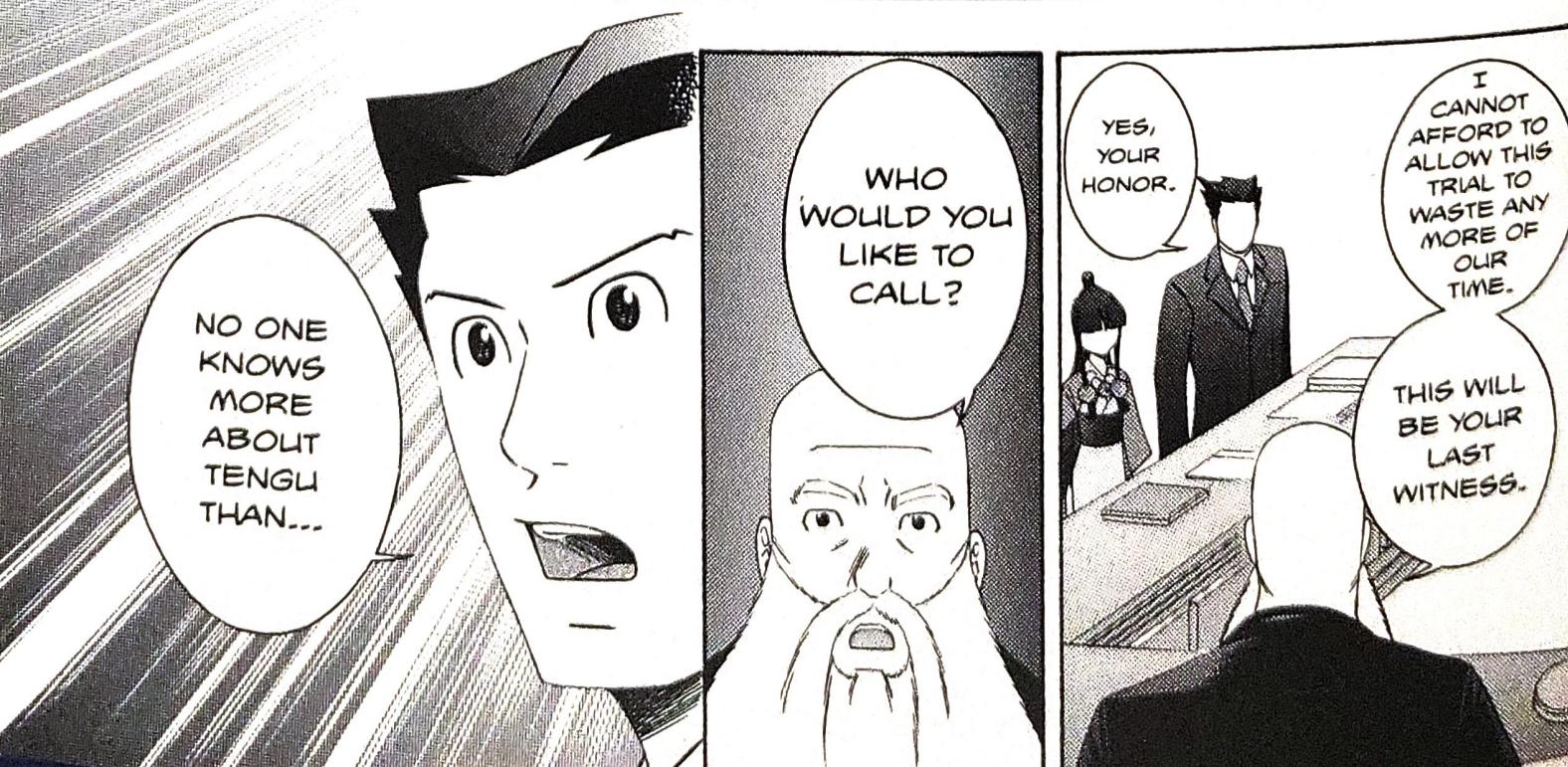
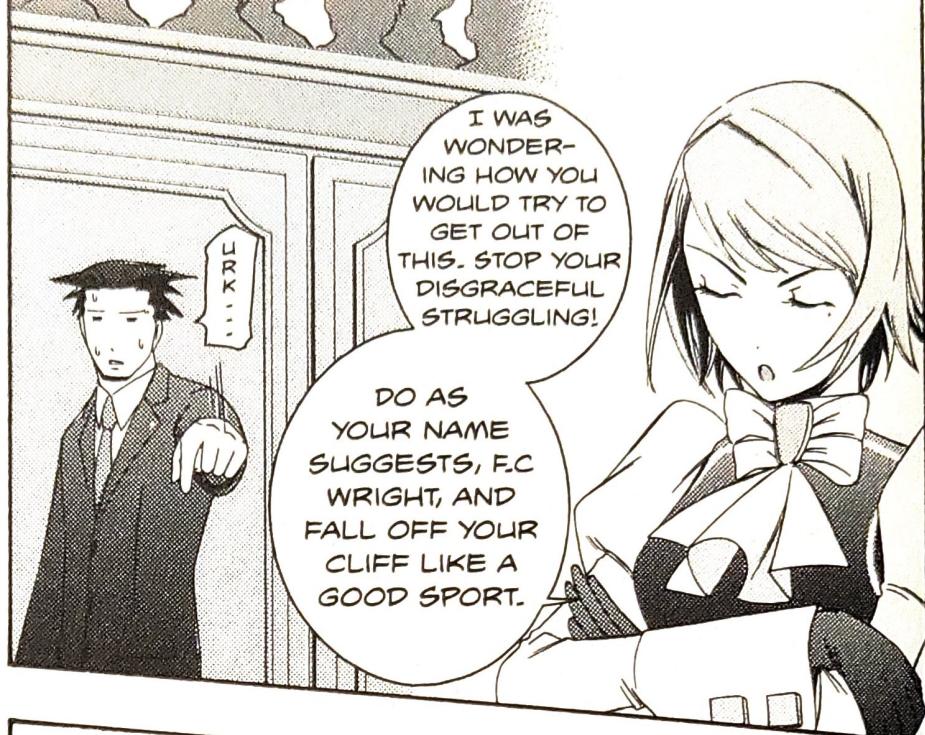


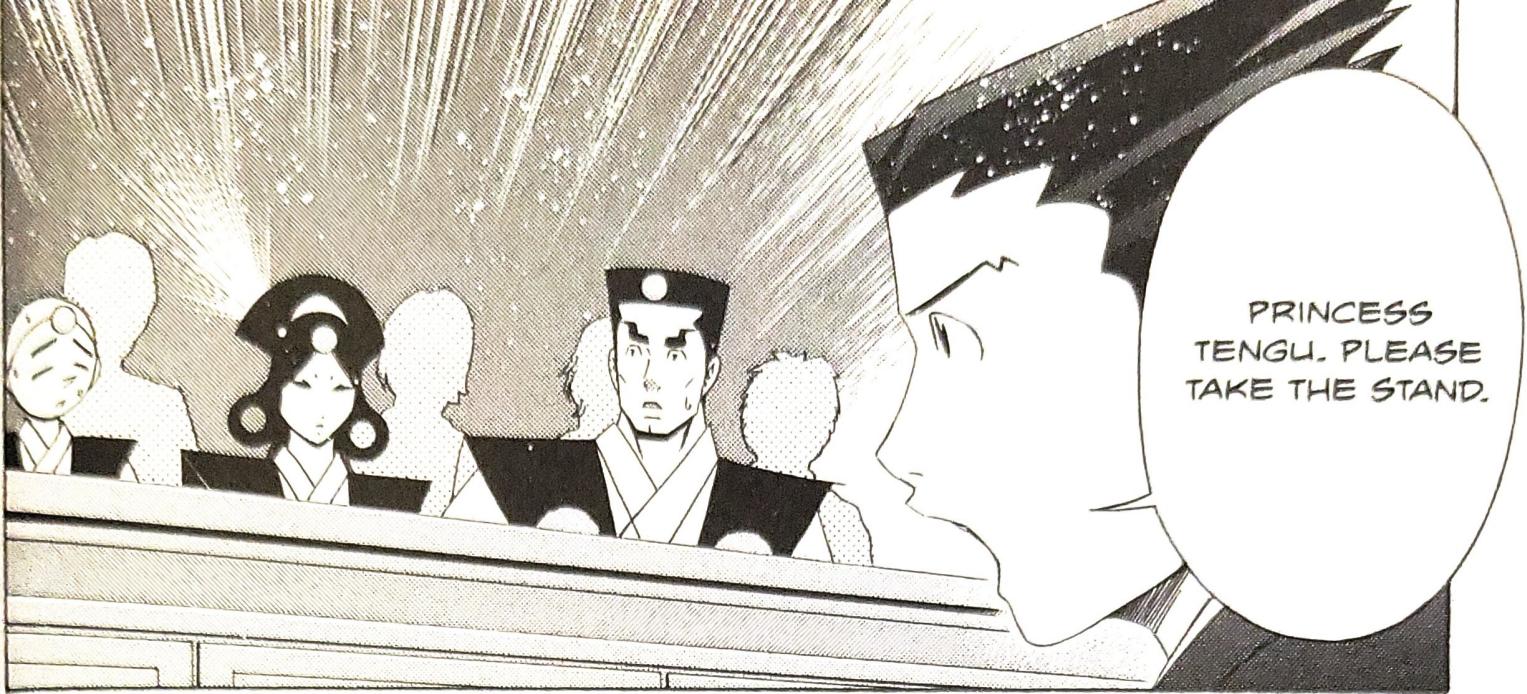




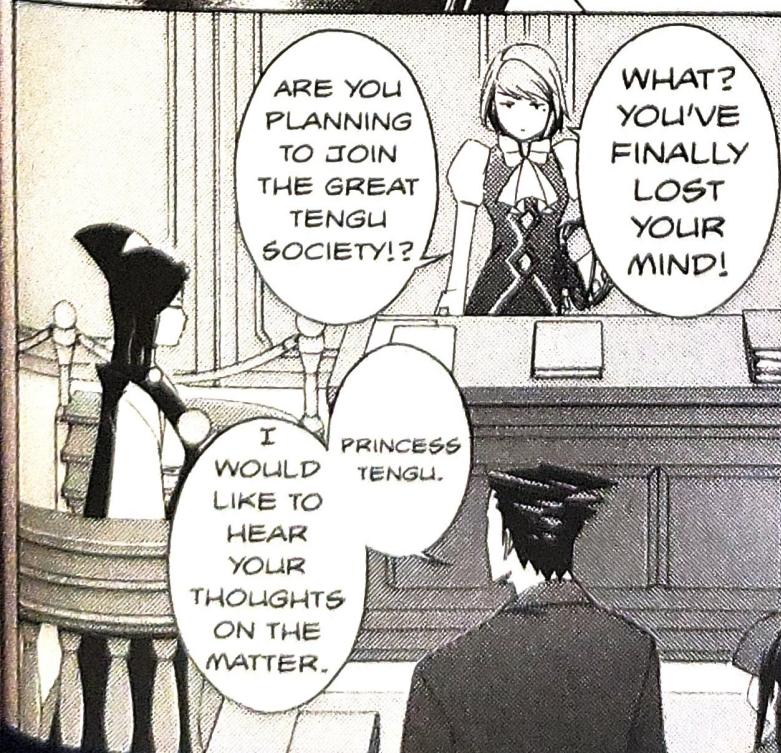
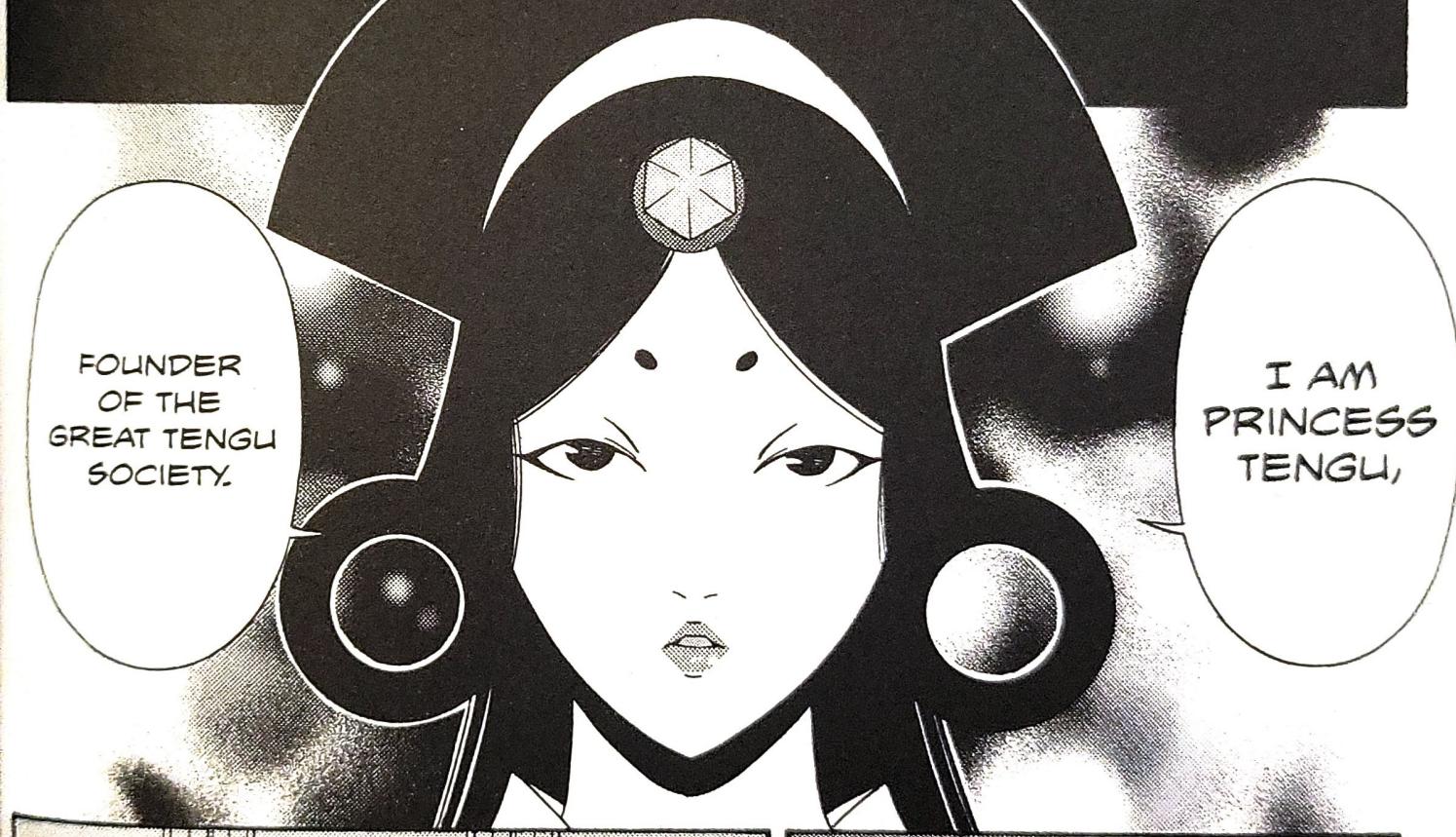
AND
IT DID
FLOAT IN
THE
AIR!!

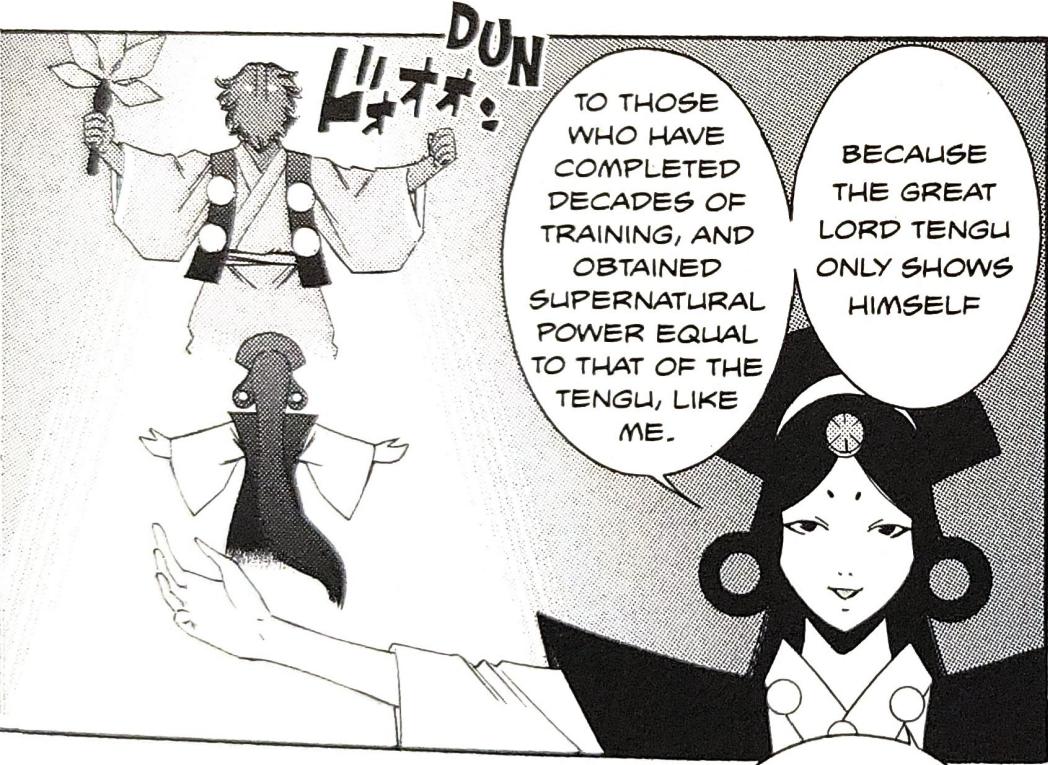
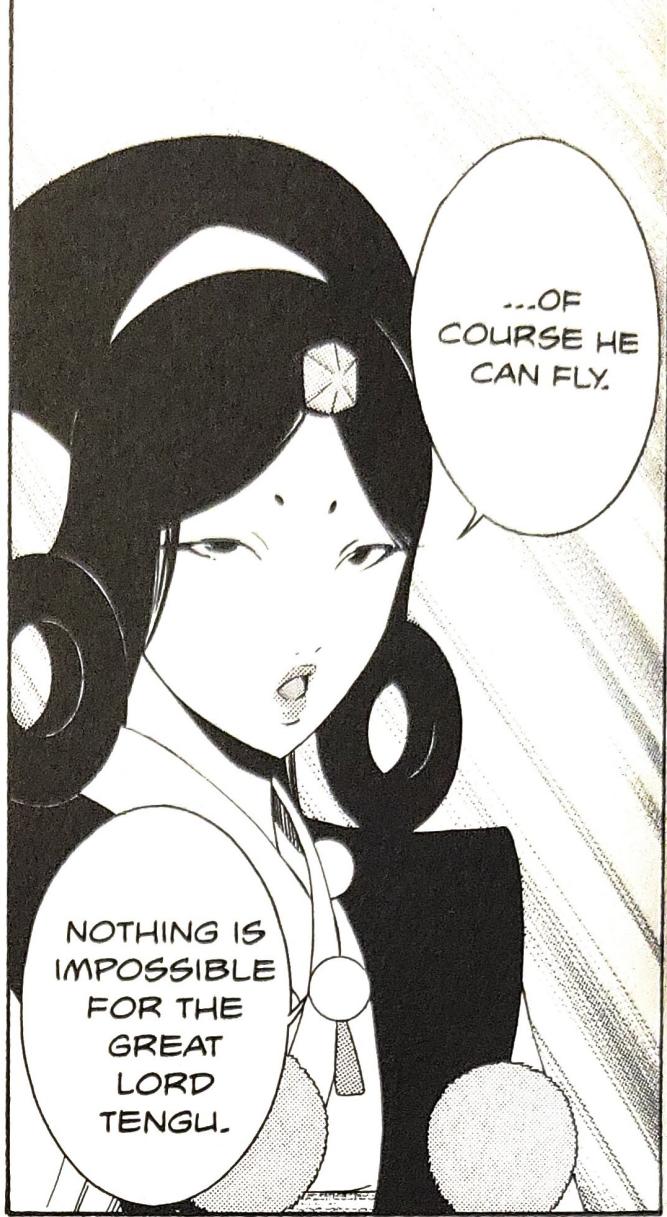
THERE
WAS A
TENGU!





DISTRICT-COURT COURTROOM NO.5: PRINCESS TENGU'S TESTIMONY





YOU
ACKNOWLEDGE
THE EXISTENCE
OF A GREAT LORD
TENGU,

BUT YOU ARE
ADAMANT THAT
THE TENGU IN
THIS PICTURE
IS A FAKE.
WHY IS THAT?

IT'S
POSSIBLE
THAT THE
GREAT LORD
TENGU CAME
PERSONALLY
TO RUSSI

TO PUNISH
HER FOR
SNEAKING ONTO
HIS SACRED
GROUND.

I
BELIEVE
I JUST
TOLD
YOU!!

THE
GREAT
LORD
TENGU
APPEARS
TO NONE
BUT
MYSELF!!

NO, THE
GREAT LORD
TENGU WOULD
NEVER SHOW
HIMSELF
FOR SUCH A
TRIFLE.

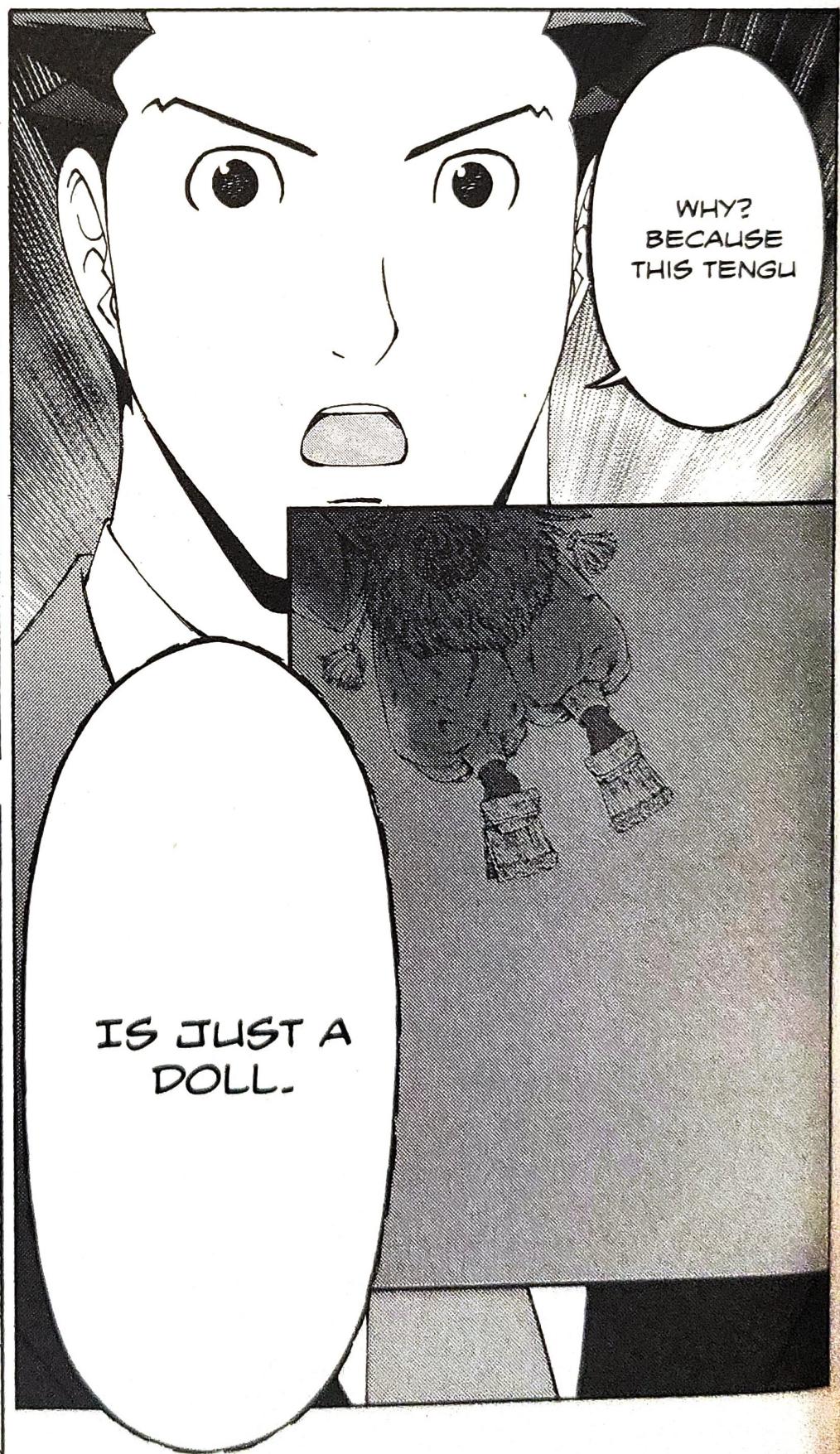
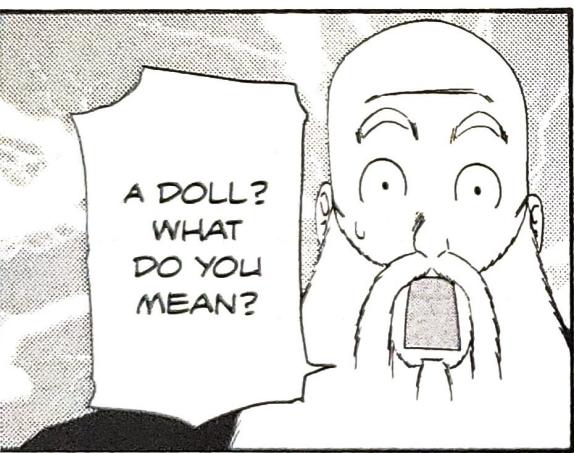
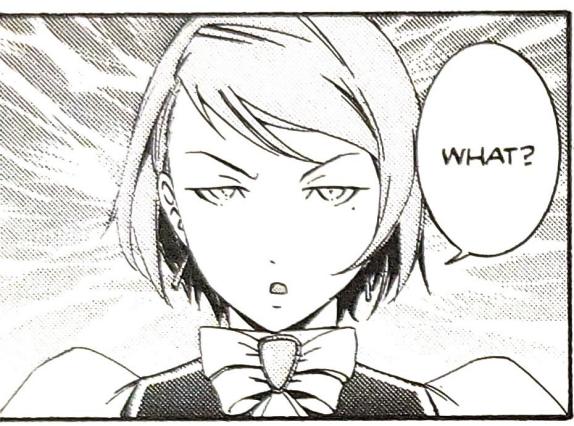
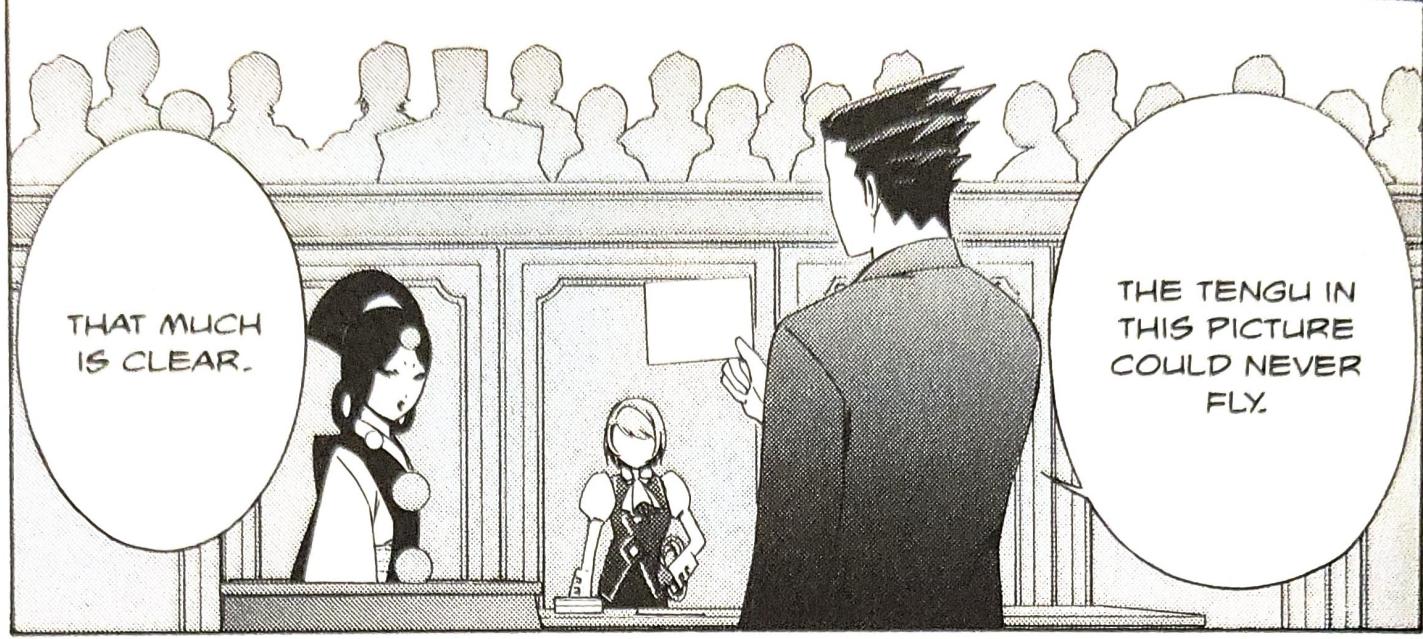
AND IF HE
DOES, CAN HE
FLY OR NOT? I
COULDN'T TELL
YOU.

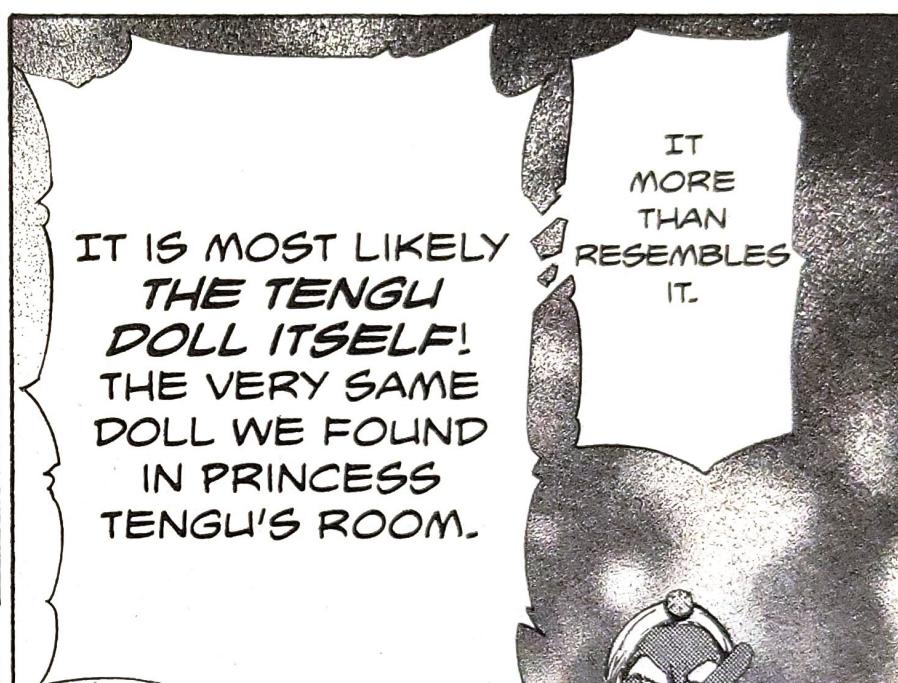
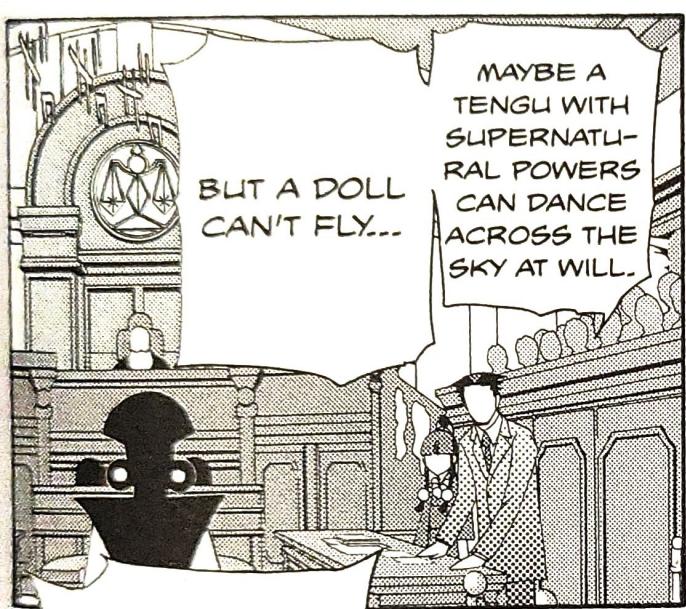
DOES
THE
GREAT
LORD
TENGU
REALLY
EXIST?

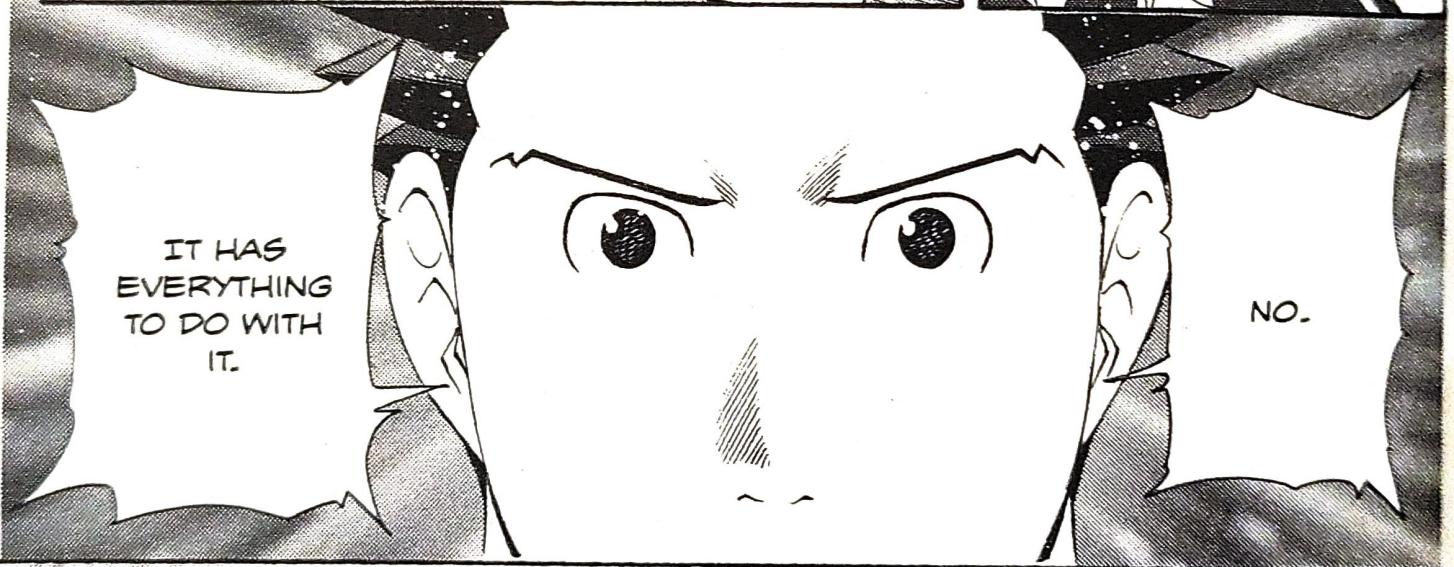
THEN WHAT
IS THE TENGU
IN THIS
PHOTOGRAPH?

BLIT...

...I...I'M
SURE I
DON'T
KNOW.

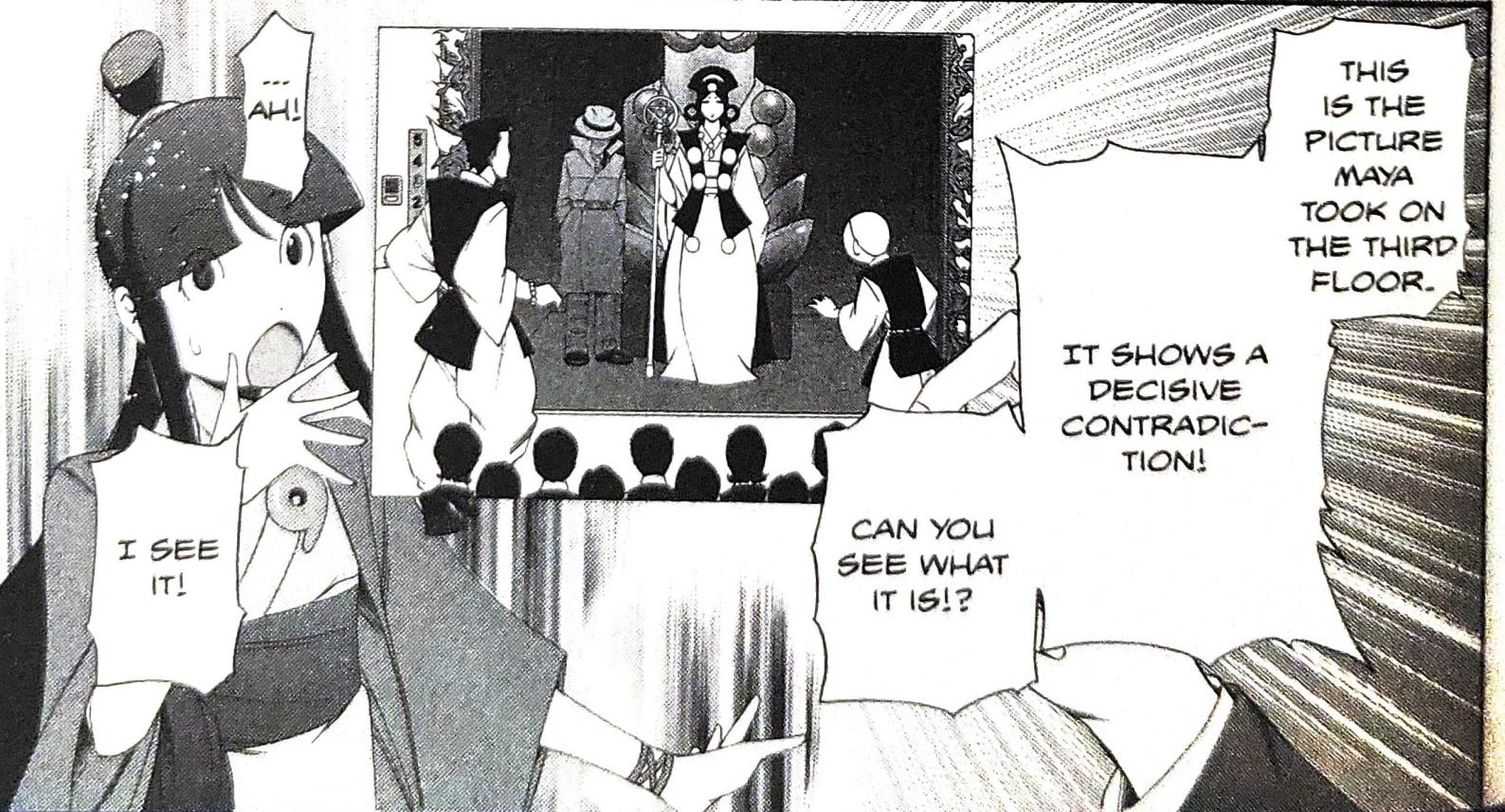


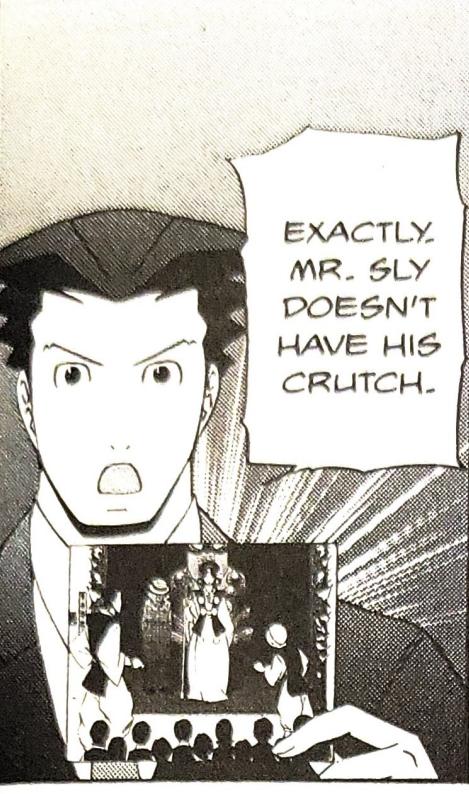




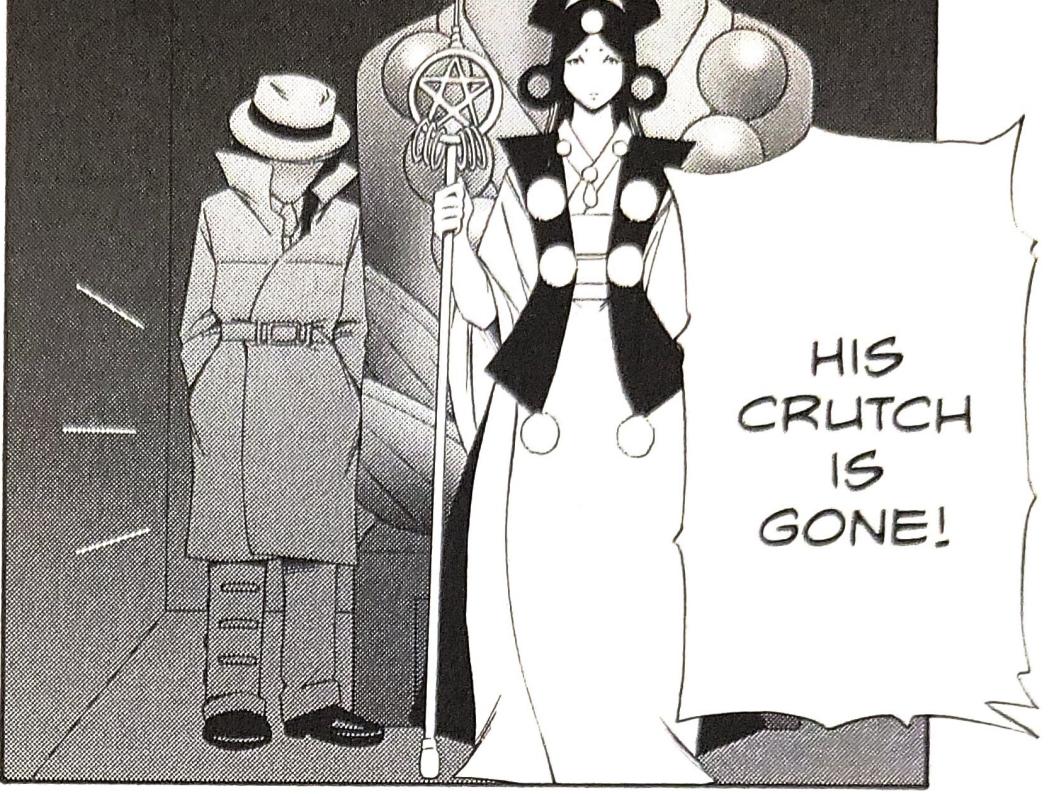
IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT.

NO.

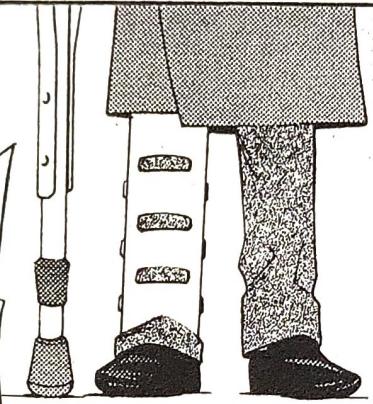




EXACTLY.
MR. SLY
DOESN'T
HAVE HIS
CRUTCH.



HIS
CRUTCH
IS
GONE!



NO. THERE
IS ONLY ONE
EXPLANATION.



DID
HE GET
SPIRITUAL
POWER
FROM THE
GREAT LORD
TENGU?

HE HAD
MULTIPLE
FRACTURES
IN HIS RIGHT
LEG. HOW
COULD HE
STAND UP
WITHOUT A
CRUTCH?



DON'T YOU
EVER GET
TIRED OF
THIS FOOL-
ISHNESS!?

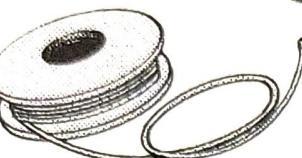
A TENGU
DOLL WAS
HANGING
FROM THE
CEILING.
THE
VICTIM WAS
HANGING
FROM THE
CEILING.
WHAT ARE
YOU GET-
TING AT!?



MR. SLY WAS BEING
SUSPENDED FROM
THE CEILING!!

LIKE THE FISHING LINE FOR THE SIGN ON THE LIST PRINCESS TENGU WROTE, THEN I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO SPOT.

IF THE STRING WAS THIN AND TRANSPARENT,



Wooden board, writing brush
Ink, nails, hammer
Electric drill
Stepladder, fishing line



BESIDES, IF HE WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING, WE WOULD SEE THE STRING SHOULD IN THIS PICTURE!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE NOTICED THE STRINGS!!

AND THERE WAS A CROWD OF BELIEVERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR!

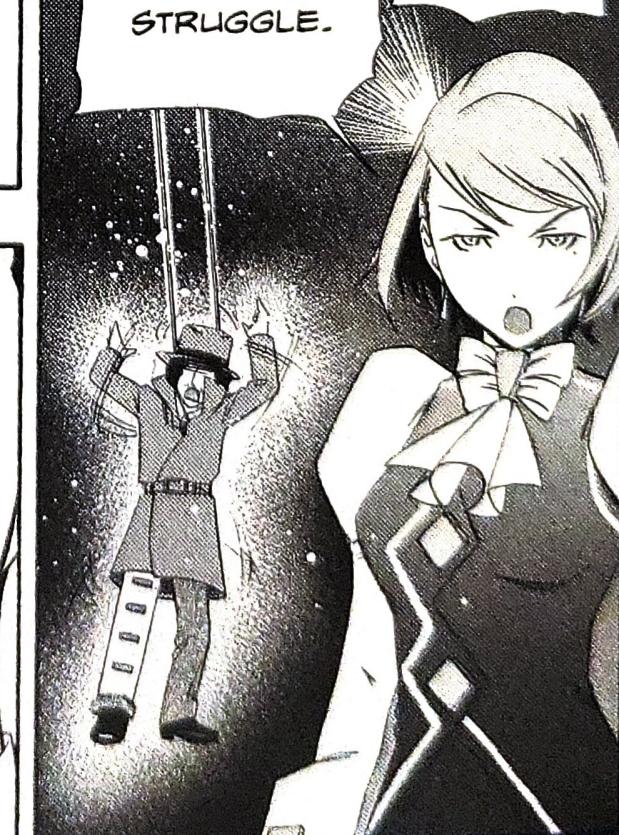


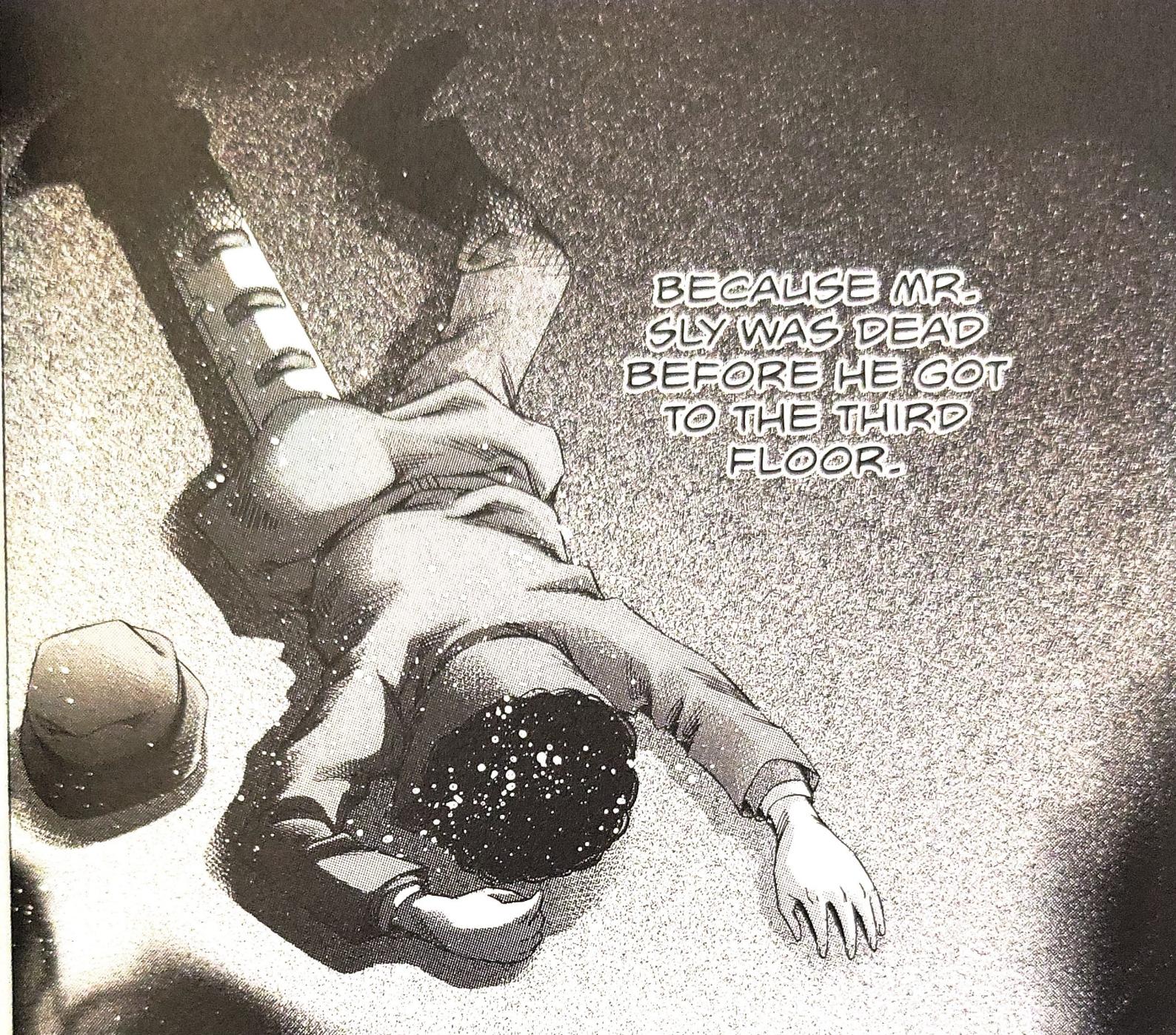
AND HE WOULD HAVE ASKED THE BELIEVERS FOR HELP WHEN HE GOT TO THE THIRD FLOOR!

I DON'T CARE HOW GLOOMY HE WAS--HE WOULDN'T HAVE LET HIMSELF BE TIED UP WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

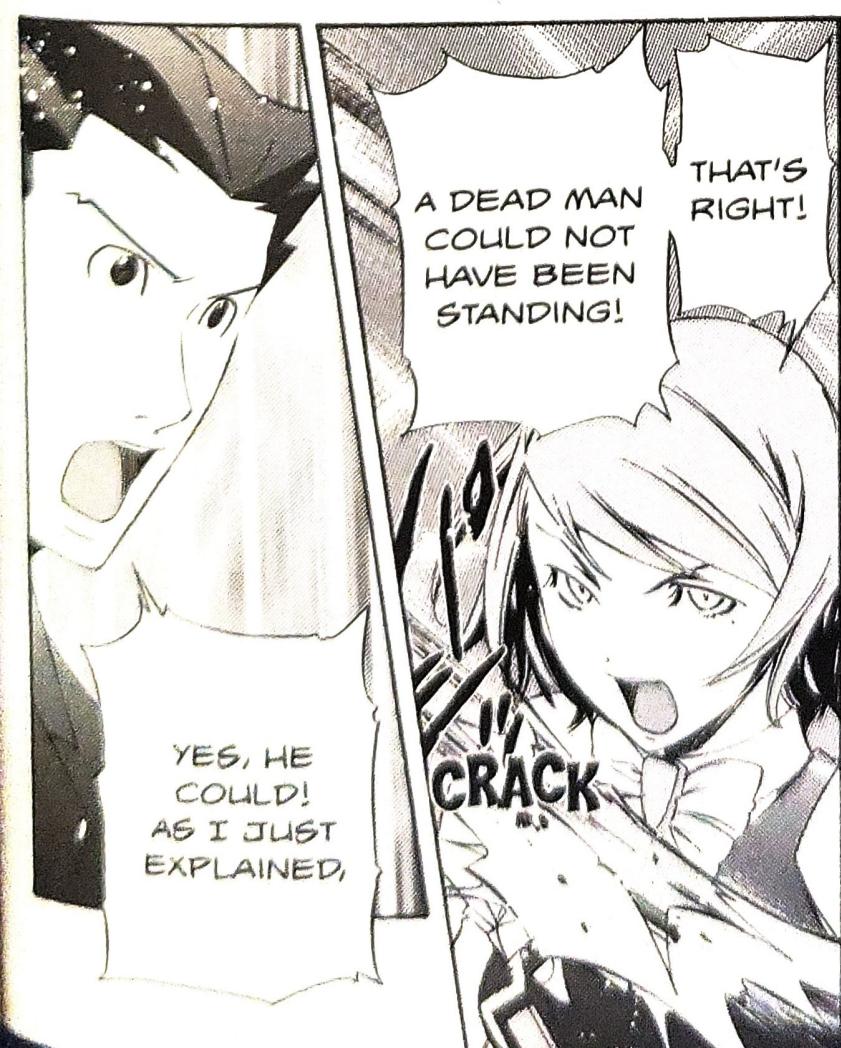
EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE, A DOLL AND A LIVE HUMAN ARE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS!

NO! HE COULDN'T ASK FOR HELP!!





BECAUSE MR.
SLY WAS DEAD
BEFORE HE GOT
TO THE THIRD
FLOOR.-



A DEAD MAN
COULD NOT
HAVE BEEN
STANDING!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

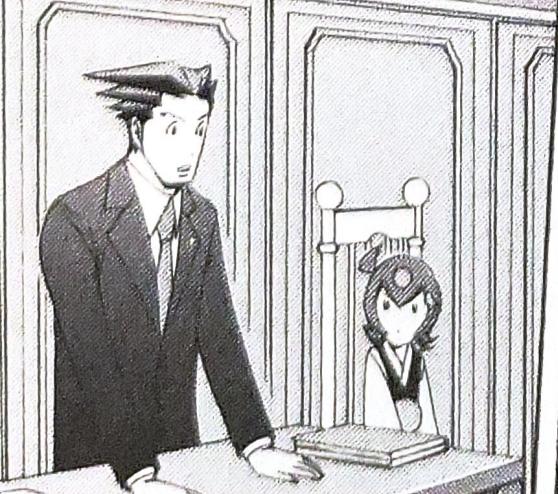
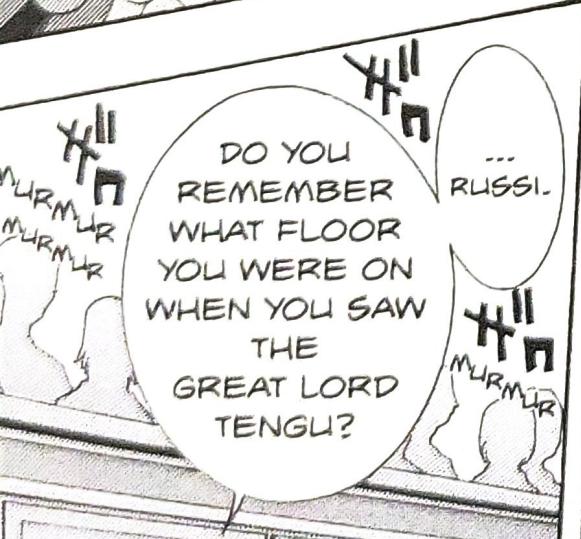
YES, HE
COULD!
AS I JUST
EXPLAINED,

!!
CRACK



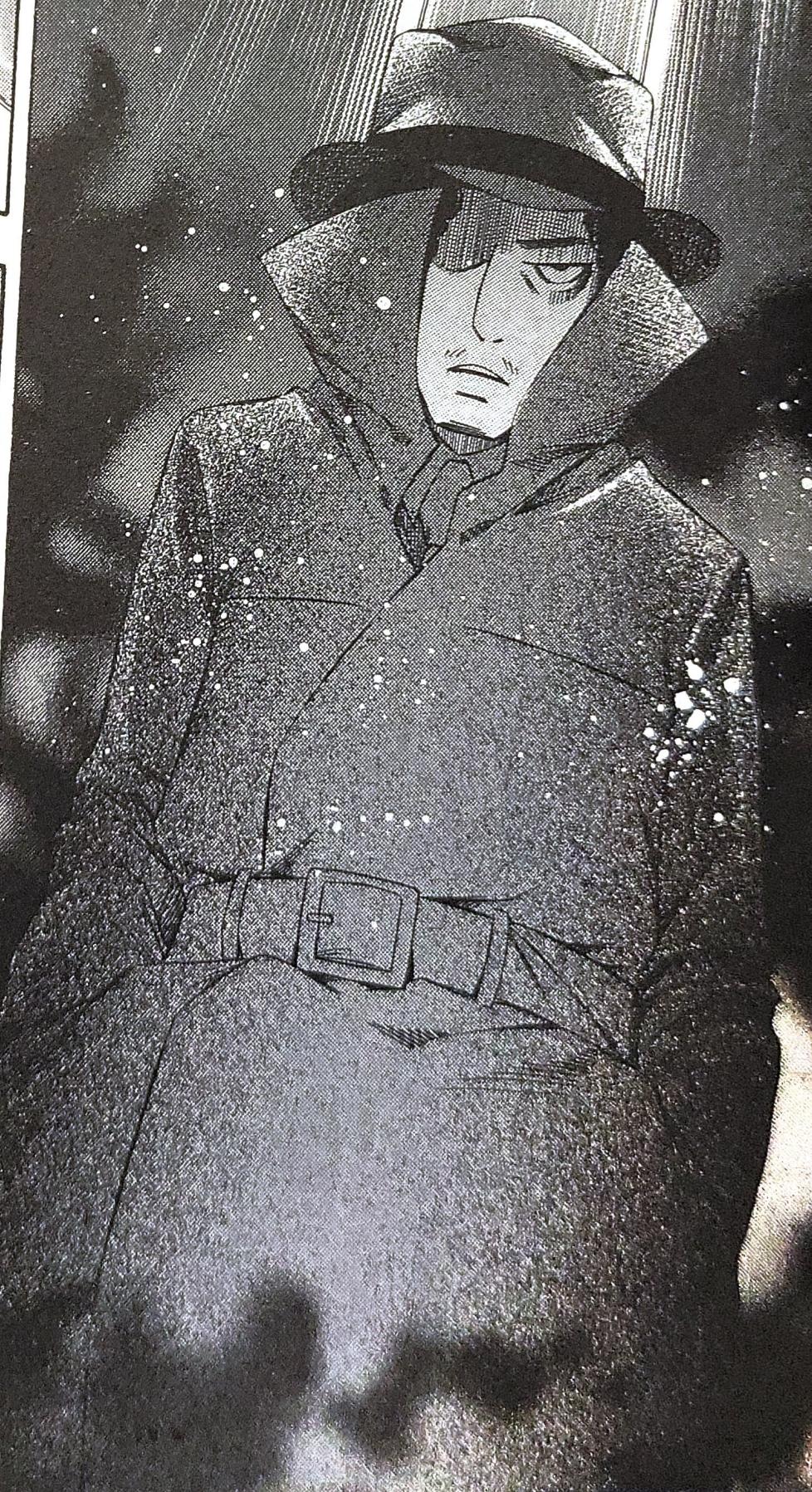
WHAT?
BUT WE
SAW HIM
ON THE
THIRD
FLOOR.
YOU WERE
THERE.

YES.
HE WAS
STANDING
BESIDE
PRINCESS
TENGU.



HE WAS HANGING BY
FISHING LINE

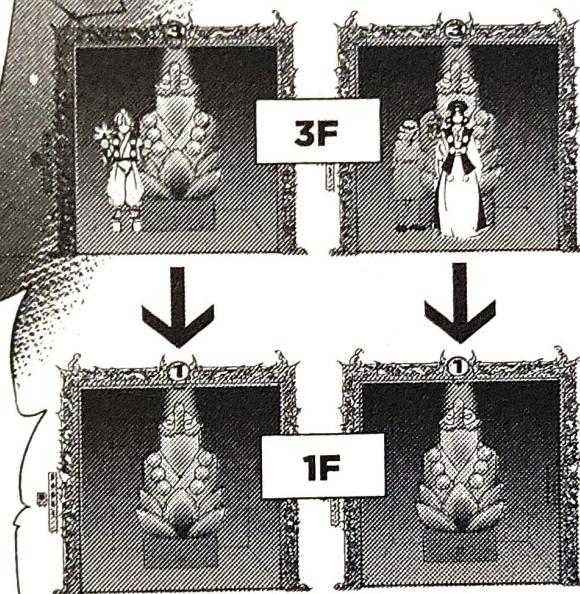
TO MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE HE
WAS STANDING,
EVEN THOUGH
HE WAS DEAD!!



THE EXACT SAME SITUATION HAPPENED AGAIN!!

MR. SLY APPEARED ON THE THIRD FLOOR, AND DISAPPEARED WHEN THE ELEVATOR WENT DOWN TO THE FIRST FLOOR.

I DOUBT THIS IS A COINCIDENCE!!



I THINK...
THE ELEVATOR DISPLAY SAID IT WAS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

AND BY THE TIME YOU REACHED THE FIRST FLOOR,
THE TENGU WAS GONE, RIGHT?

YES.

I THINK IT'S NATURAL TO ASSUME THAT IT WAS A PRACTICE RUN FOR THE MURDER!!

WHAT RUSI SAW THE DAY BEFORE THE CRIME,

HAPPENED AGAIN THE VERY NEXT DAY.

BAM

THEN
WOULDN'T
THE DOLL
LOOK LIKE
IT WAS
FLOATING
UP AS THE
ELEVATOR
WENT
DOWN?

5F
4F
3F
2F
1F

WHAT IF
THE DOLL
HAD BEEN
SUSPENDED
FROM THE
TOP OF
THE FIFTH
FLOOR?
IF THE
LENGTH OF
THE STRING
REACHED
DOWN TO THE
THIRD FLOOR,

RUSSI SAW A TENGU
FLOAT INTO THE AIR
AS THE ELEVATOR
WENT FROM THE THIRD
FLOOR DOWN TO THE
FIRST FLOOR.

AND THE
BODY
APPEARED
TO BE
STANDING.

JUST LIKE THE DOLL
RUSSI WITNESSED,

AT THE THIRD FLOOR, THE
FISHING LINE WENT TAUT,

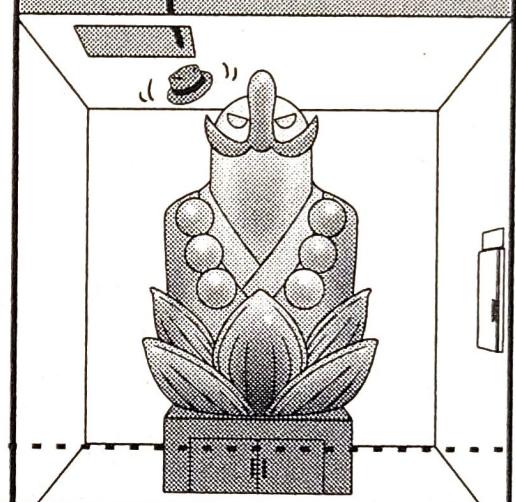
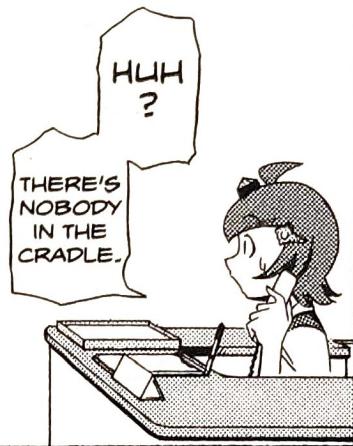
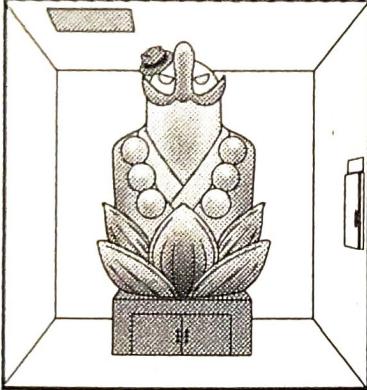
3F

IN OTHER
WORDS,
THIS IS WHAT
HAPPENED!!



AND BY THE TIME
THE ELEVATOR
REACHED THE
FIRST FLOOR,
**THE BODY HAD
DISAPPEARED!!**

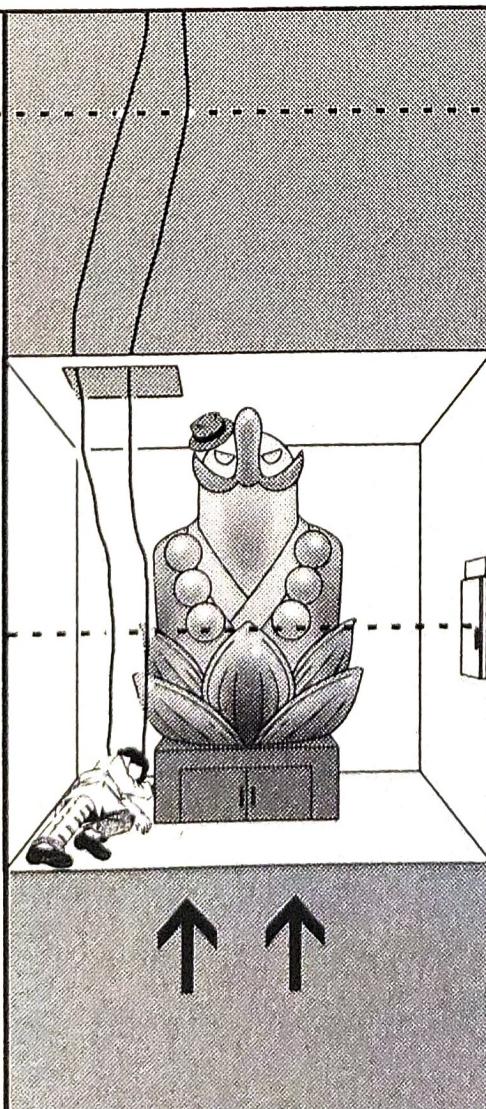
AS THE ELEVATOR
WENT DOWN,
THE SUSPENDED
CORPSE STAYED
WHERE IT WAS
ON THE THIRD
FLOOR



2F

5F

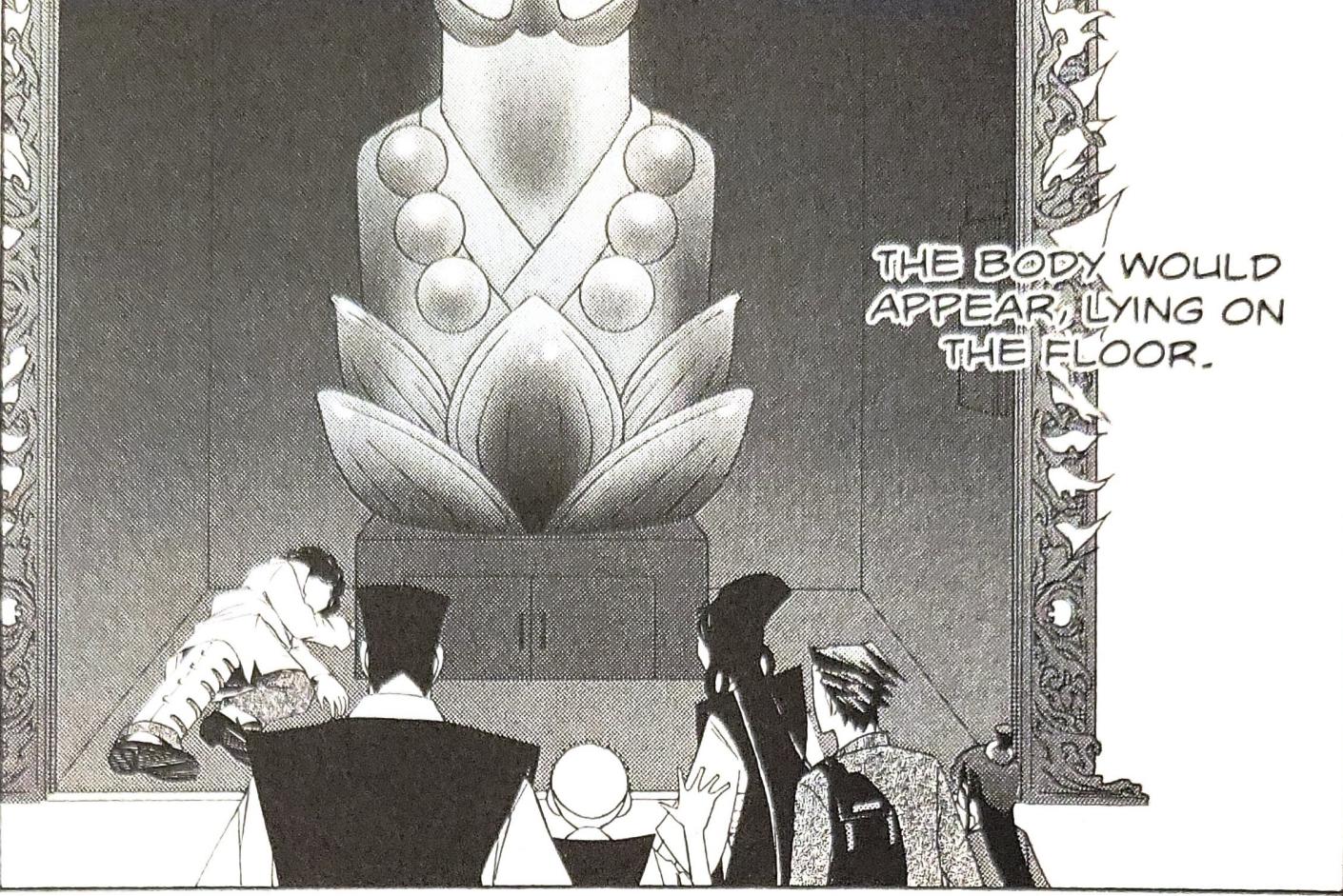
IT WOULD
PICK UP
THE BODY
ON THE
THIRD
FLOOR ON
ITS WAY TO
THE FIFTH.



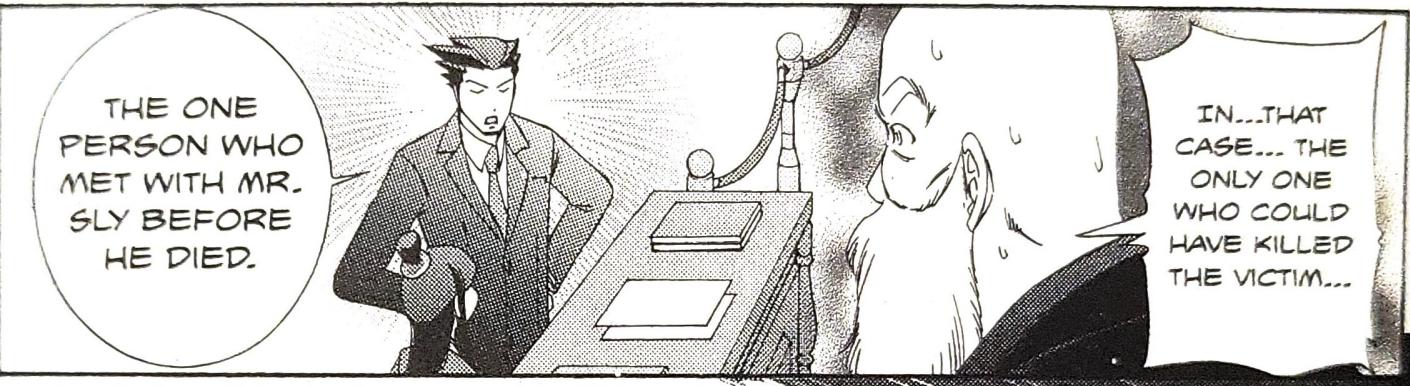
AND WHEN THE
DOOR OPENED...



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THE BODY WOULD
APPEAR, LYING ON
THE FLOOR.



THE ONE
PERSON WHO
MET WITH MR.
SLY BEFORE
HE DIED.

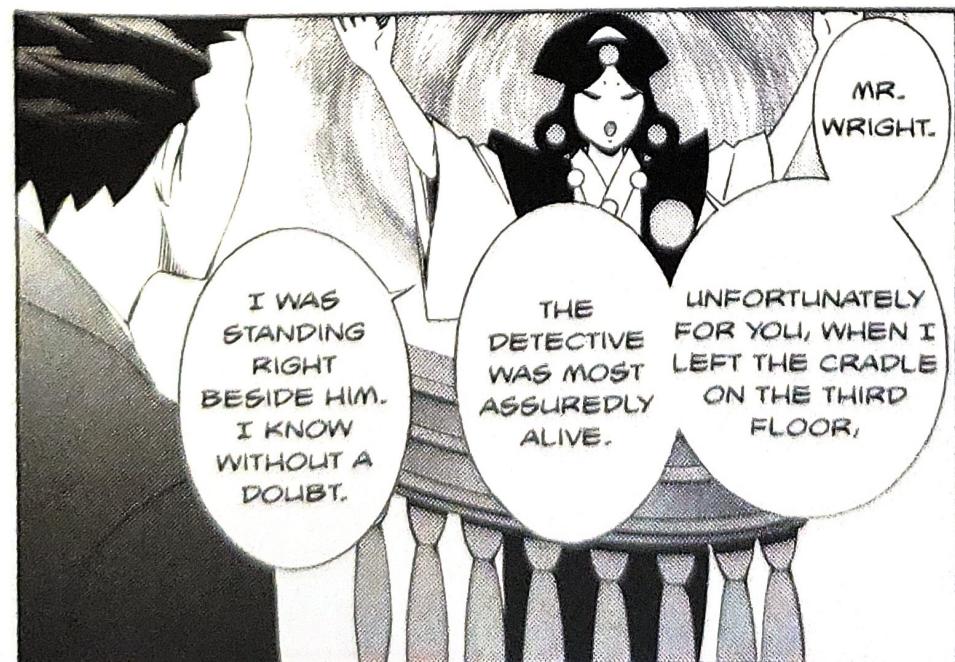
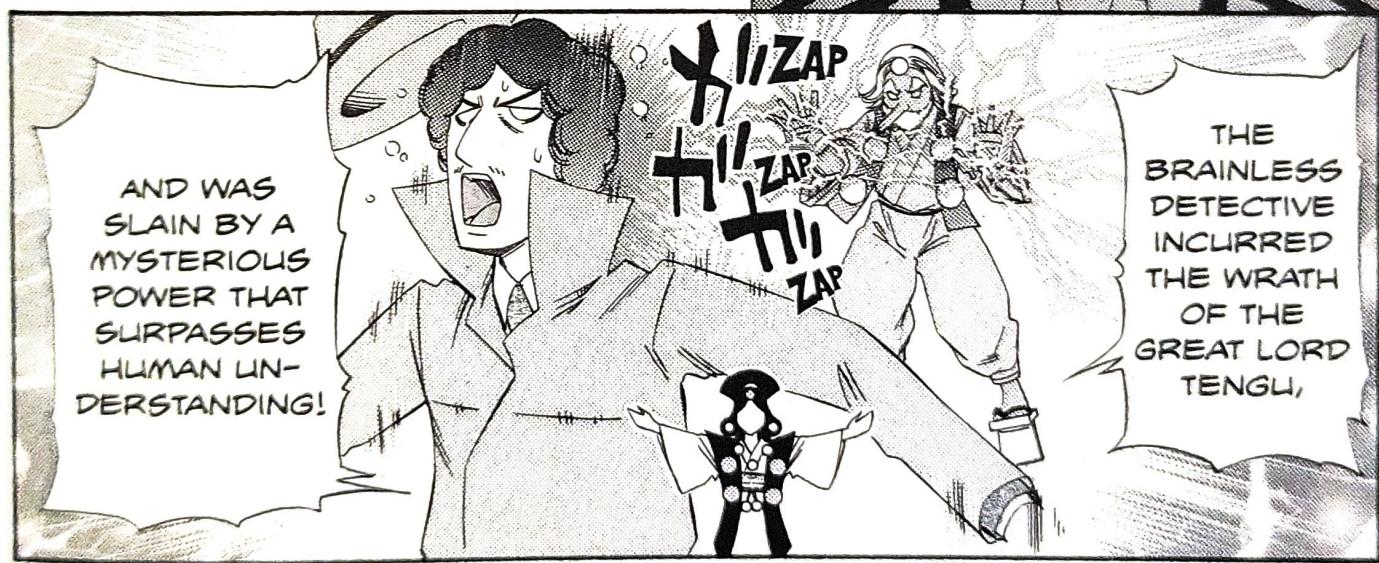
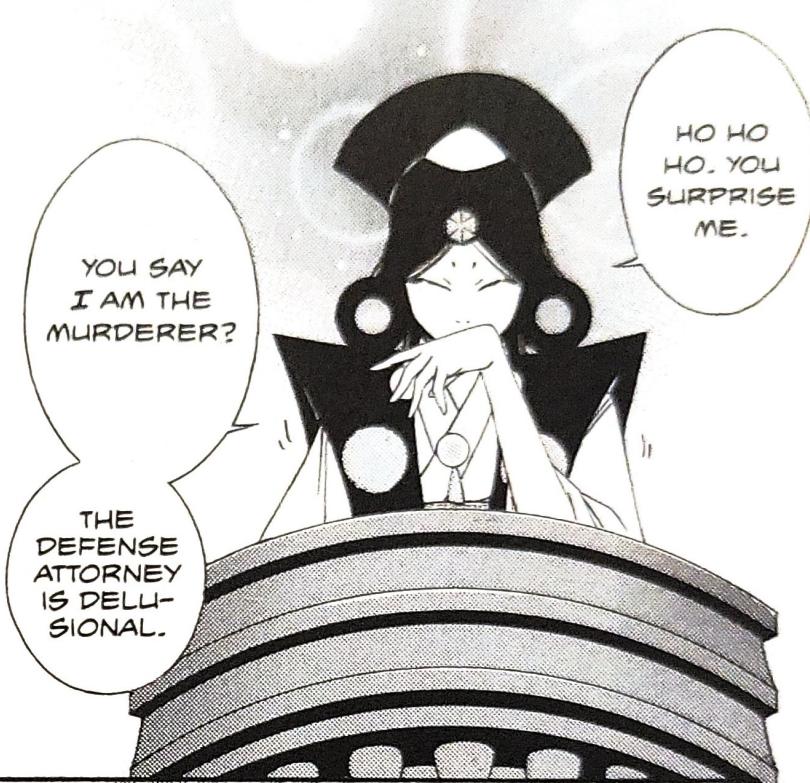
IN...THAT
CASE... THE
ONLY ONE
WHO COULD
HAVE KILLED
THE VICTIM...

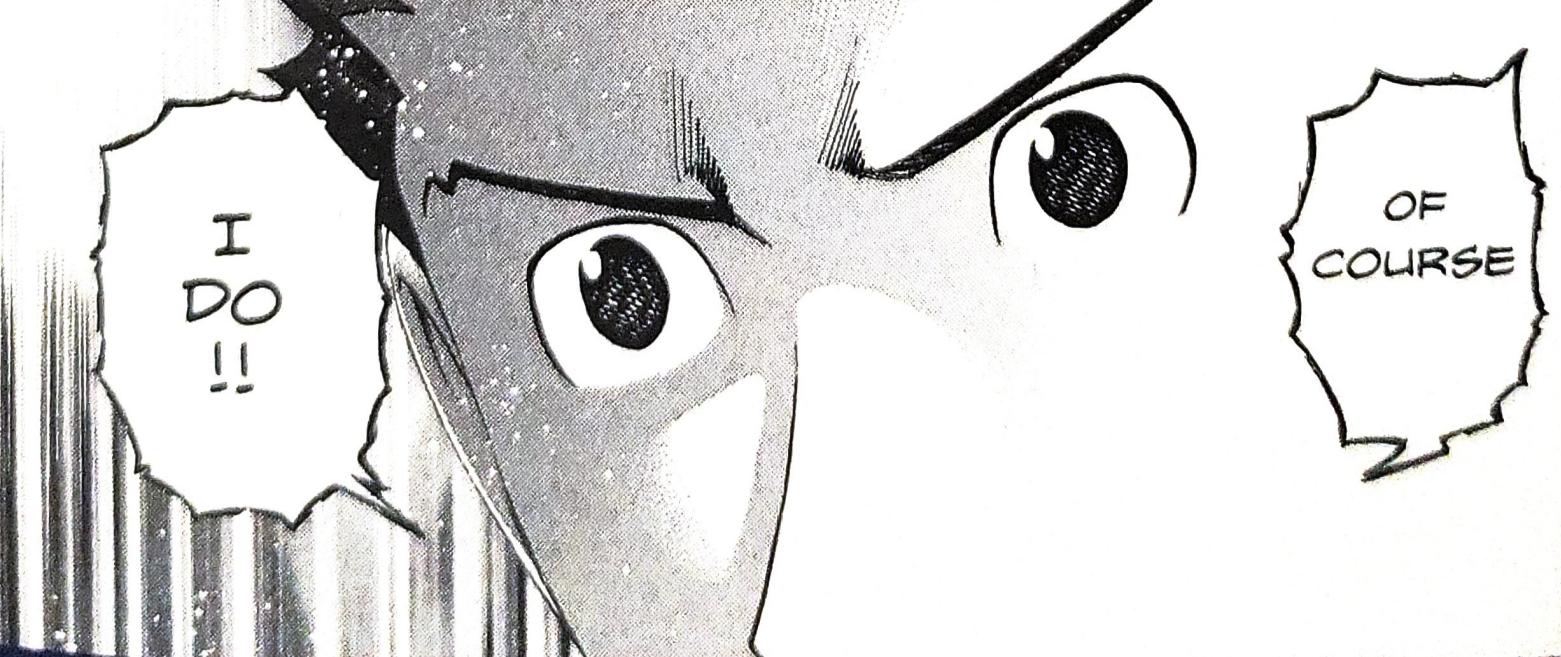


PRINCESS
TENGLI.

I HEREBY
ACCUSE
YOU OF
MURDERING
CASPER SLY!

DISTRICT COURT
COURTROOM NO.5: VERDICT





AND WHAT OF IT?

THIS IS A PHOTO MAYA TOOK.

YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT POWER TENGU'S RIGHT FOOT IS IN THE ELEVATOR.

DID THE OVER-CAPACITY ALARM GO OFF?

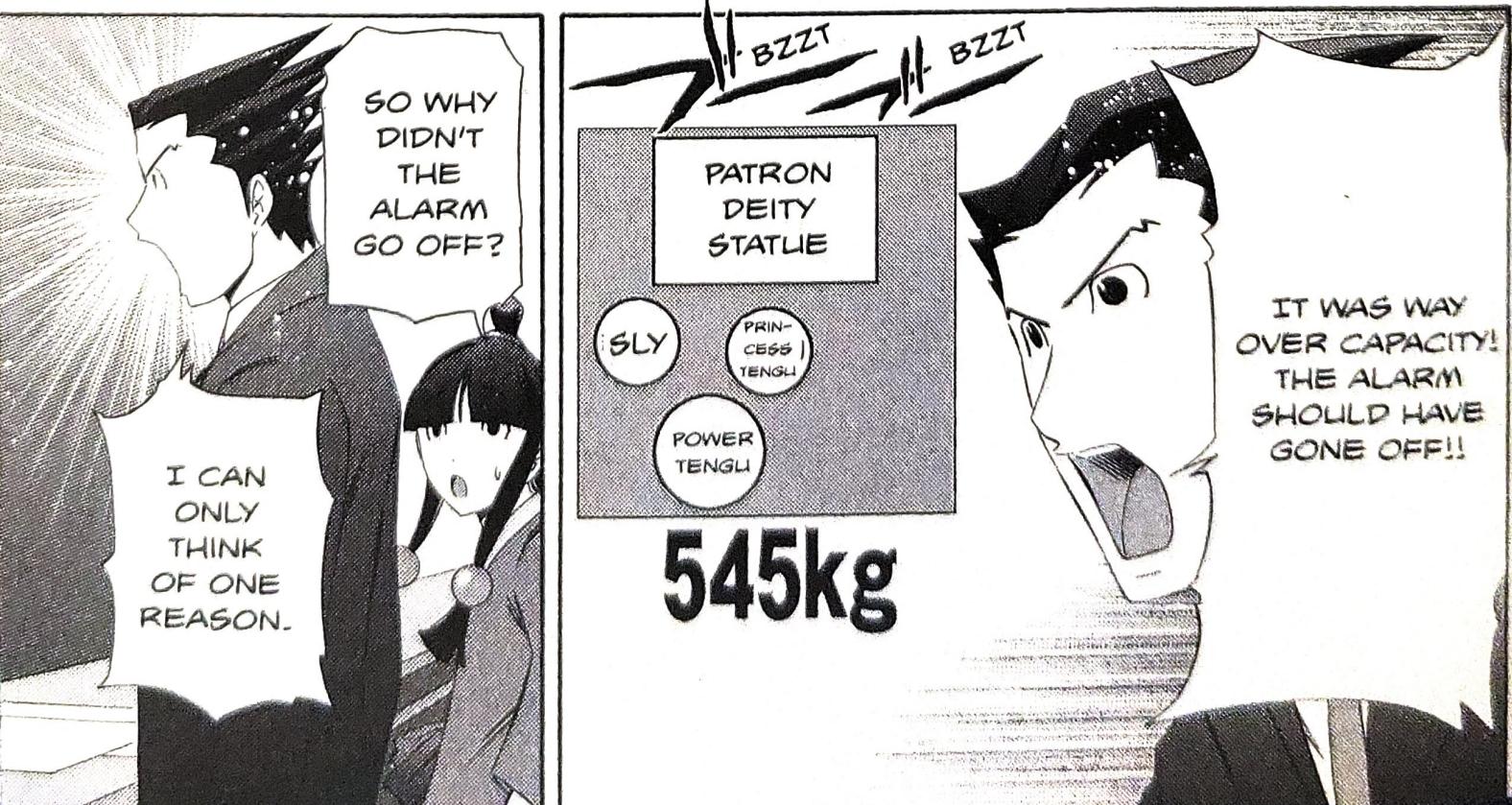
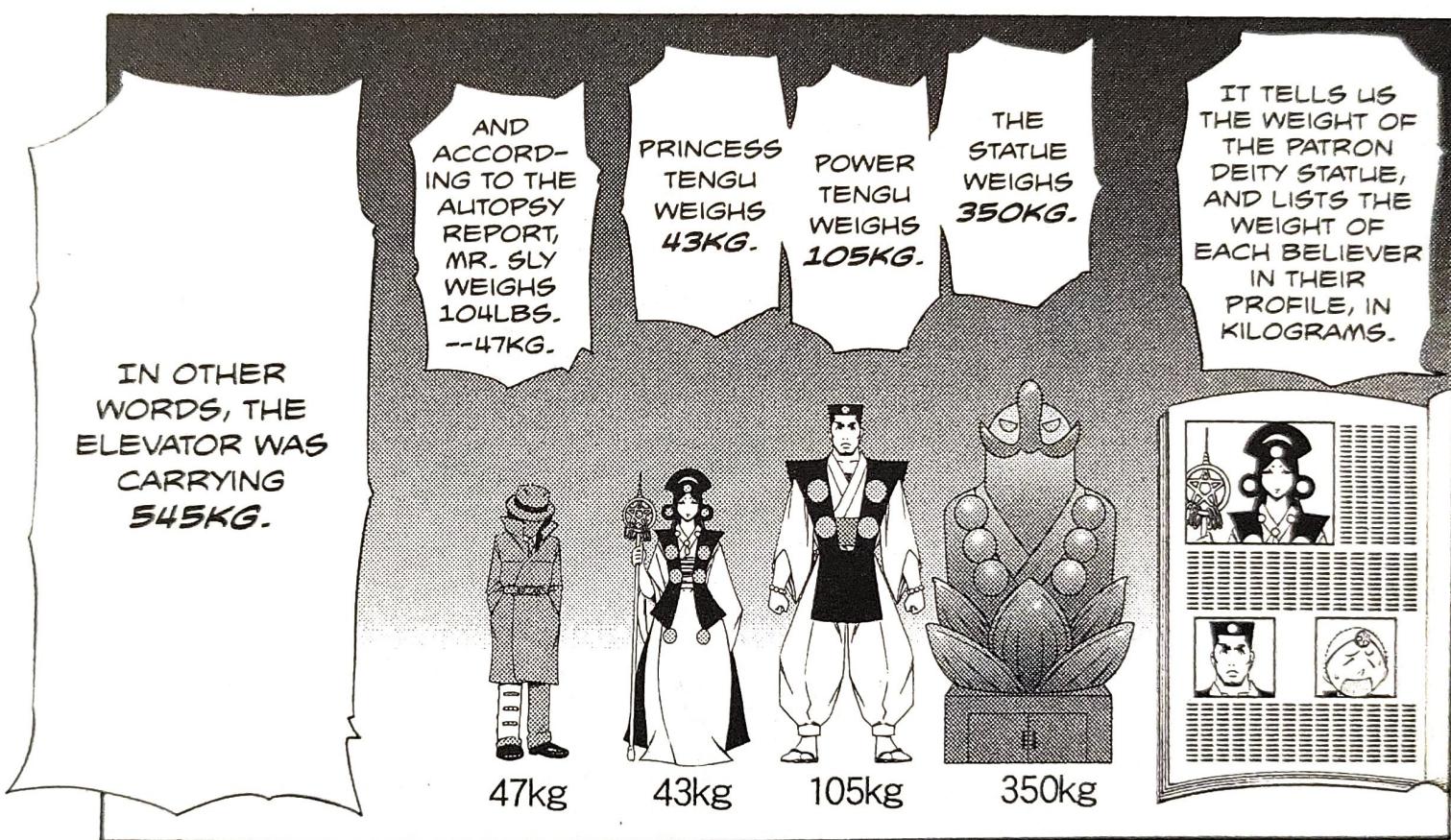
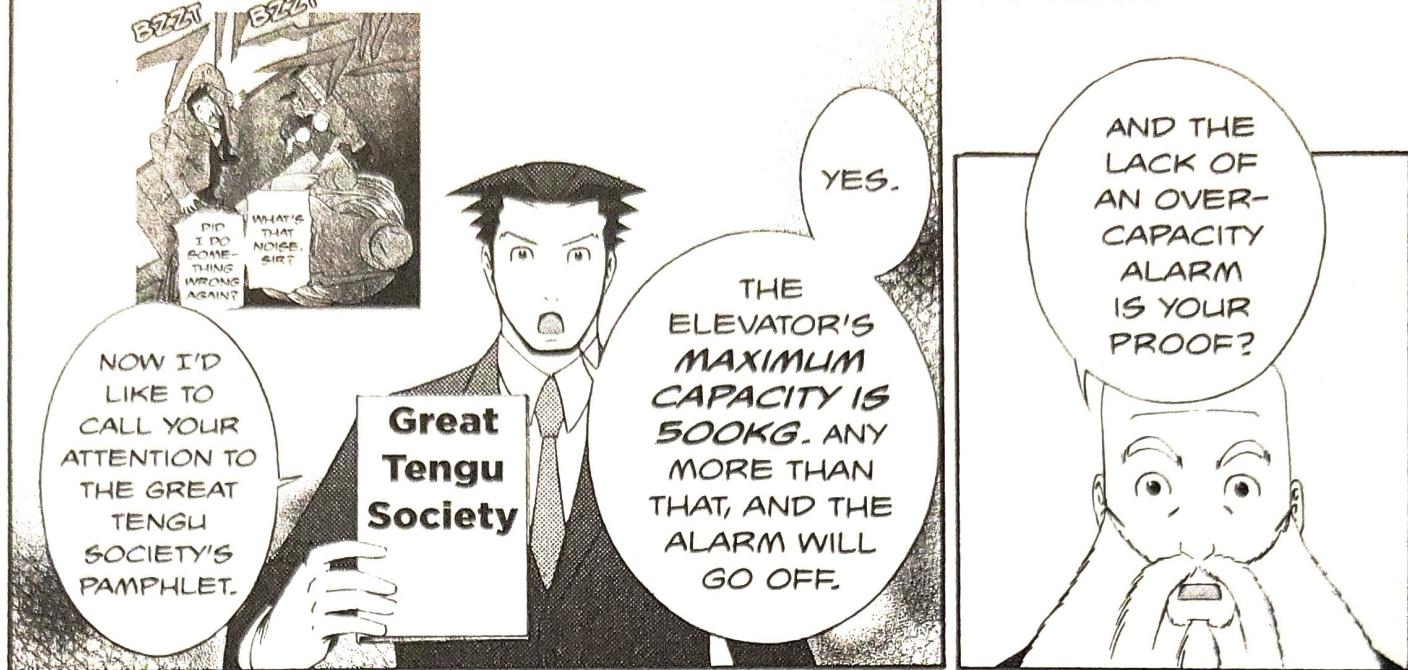
REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

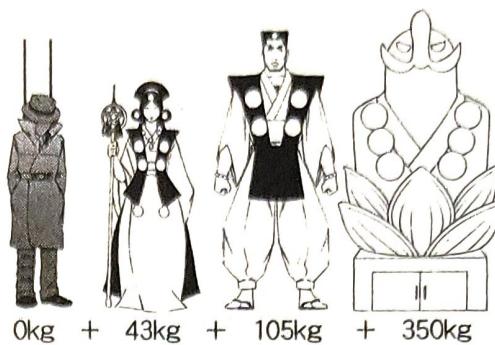
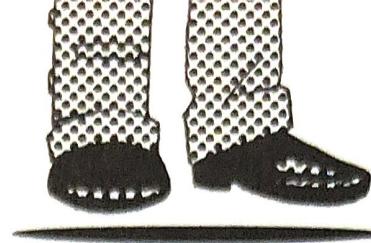
WHEN POWER TENGU STEPPED INTO THE ELEVATOR TO DRAG MR. SLY OUT,

THE ALARM DID NOT GO OFF, AND ALL THE BELIEVERS WHO WERE THERE CAN ATTEST TO THAT FACT.

I RE-MEM-BER IT CLEARLY.

...I DO NOT REMEM-BER.





MR. SLY WAS
ALREADY
HANGING IN
THE AIR!!

498kg

THE ELEVATOR
WASN'T
HOLDING HIS
WEIGHT, SO THE
ALARM DIDN'T
GO OFF!!!

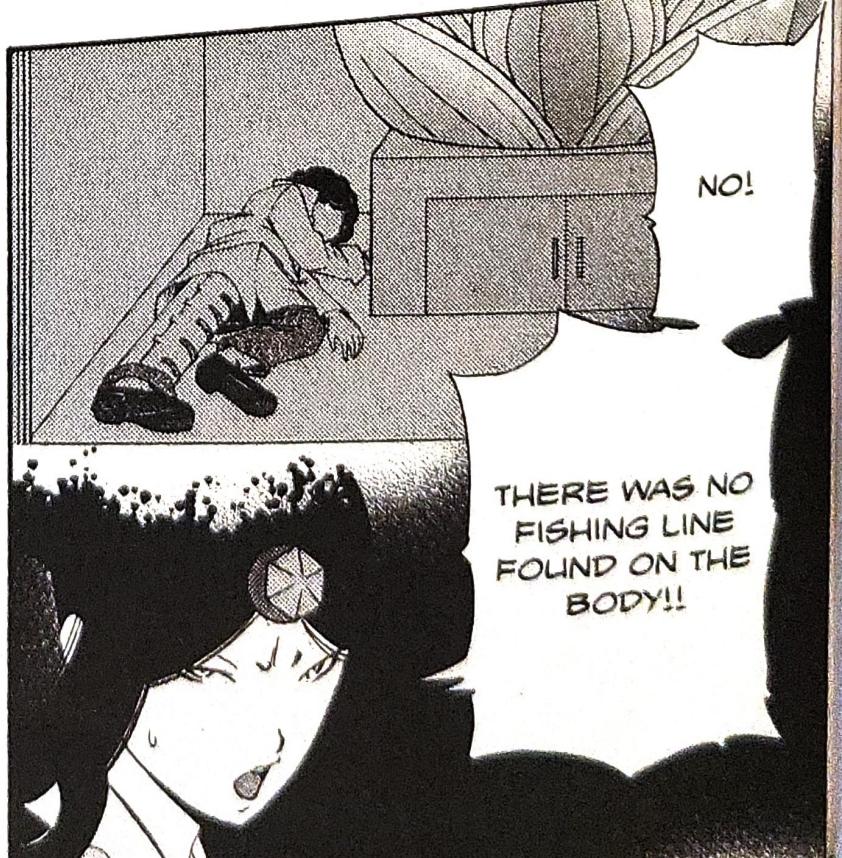
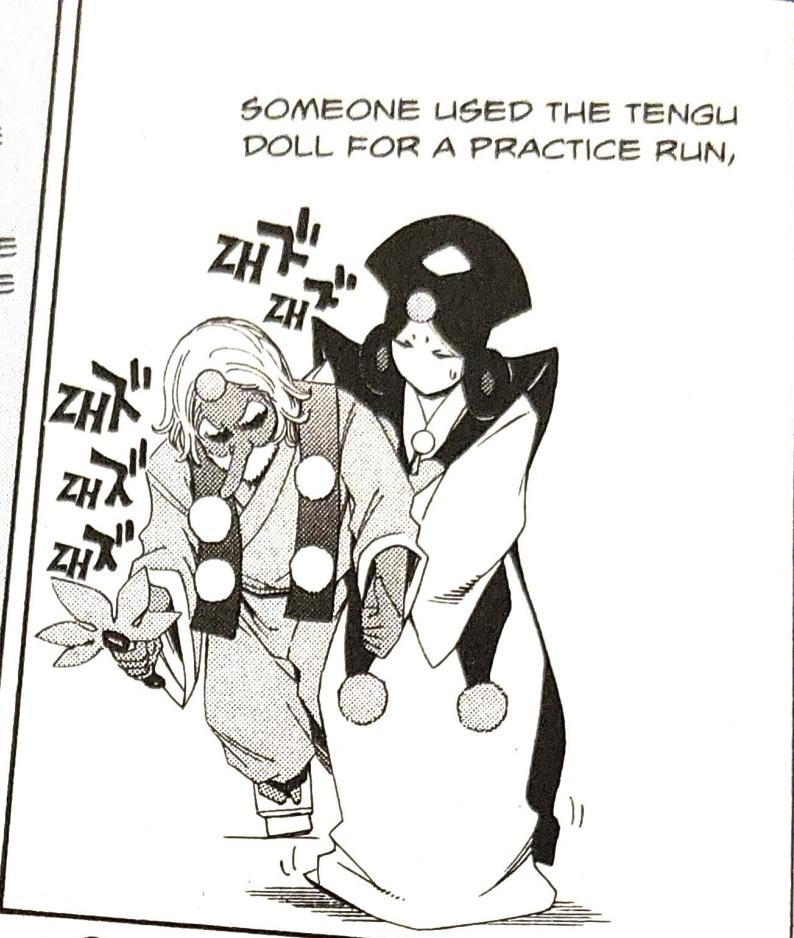
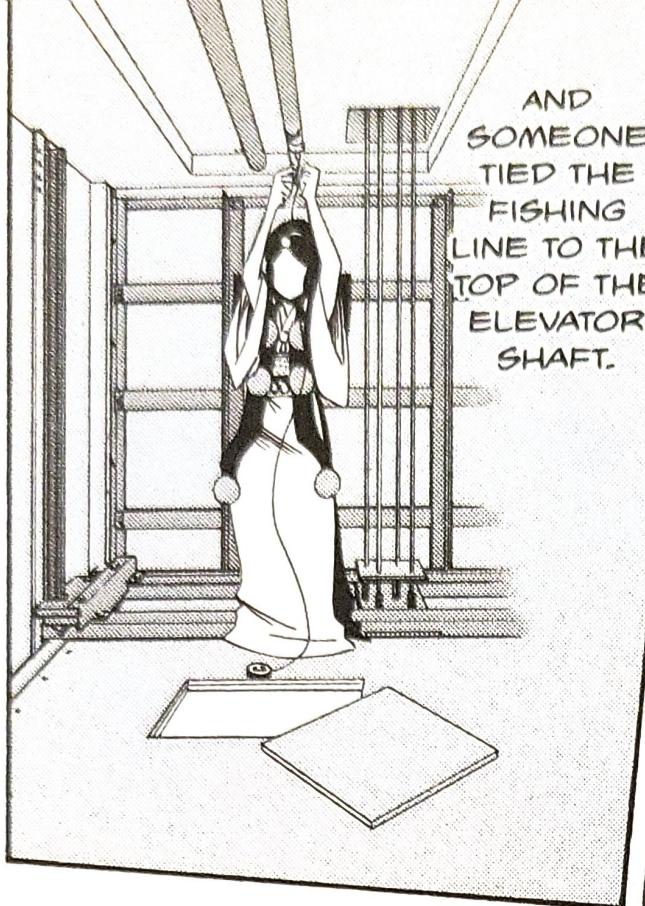
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YOU CAN'T
TALK YOUR
WAY OUT OF
THIS ONE!!

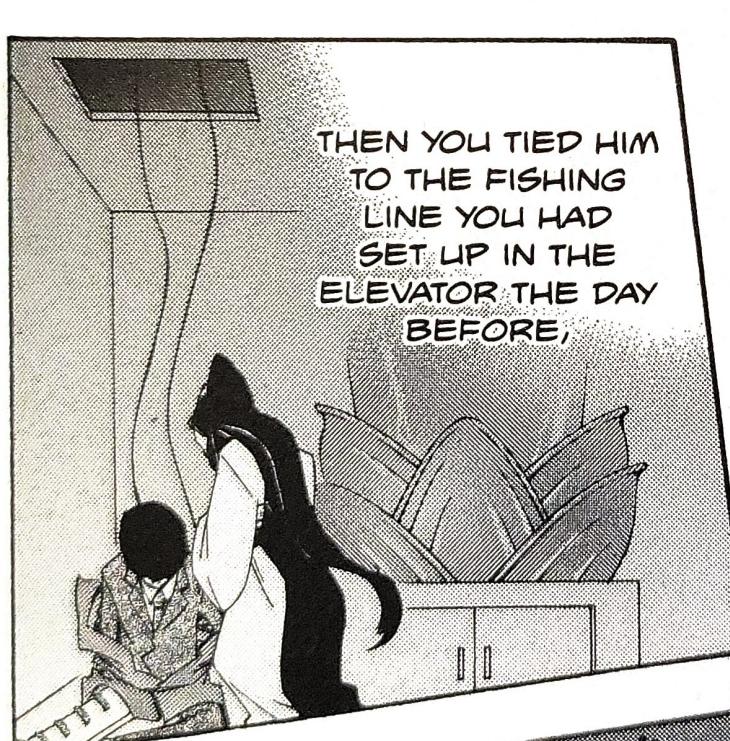
IT'S CLEAR THAT
MR. SLY WAS
SUSPENDED IN
THE AIR!! BUT
HE DIDN'T EVEN
SCREAM!

DO YOU STILL
CLAIM THAT HE
WAS ALIVE!?





WHILE WE WERE GONE, YOU
WERE ABLE TO RECOVER
THE FISHING WIRE WITHOUT
BEING SEEN!!



THEN YOU TIED HIM
TO THE FISHING
LINE YOU HAD
SET UP IN THE
ELEVATOR THE DAY
BEFORE,



YOU KILLED MR.
SLY ON THE FIFTH
FLOOR!



CLUNK
CLUNK

WHACK

AND RODE
WITH HIM
DOWN TO
THE THIRD
FLOOR!!

IT WAS
ALL AN
ELABORATE
TRICK YOU
SET UP

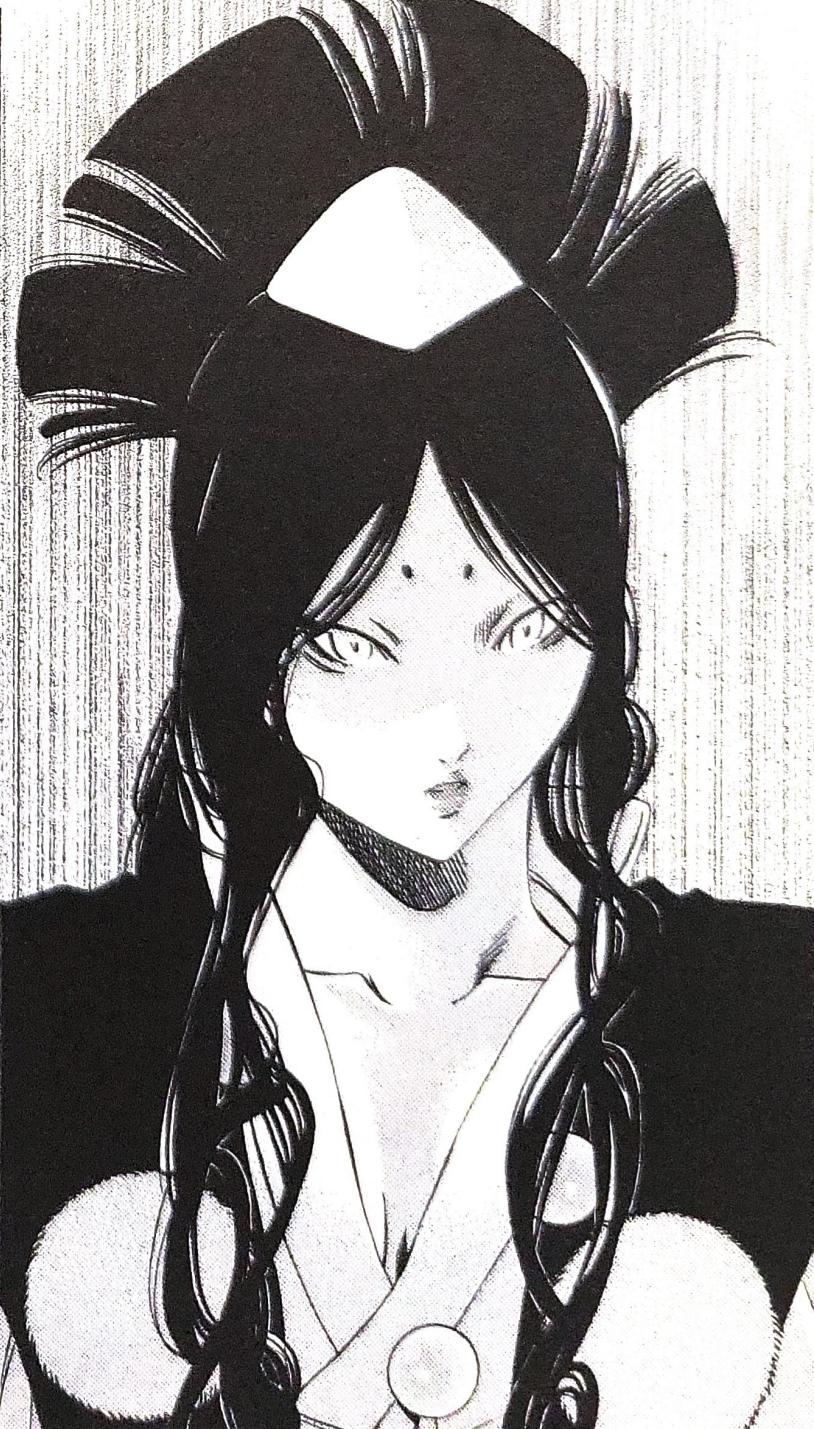
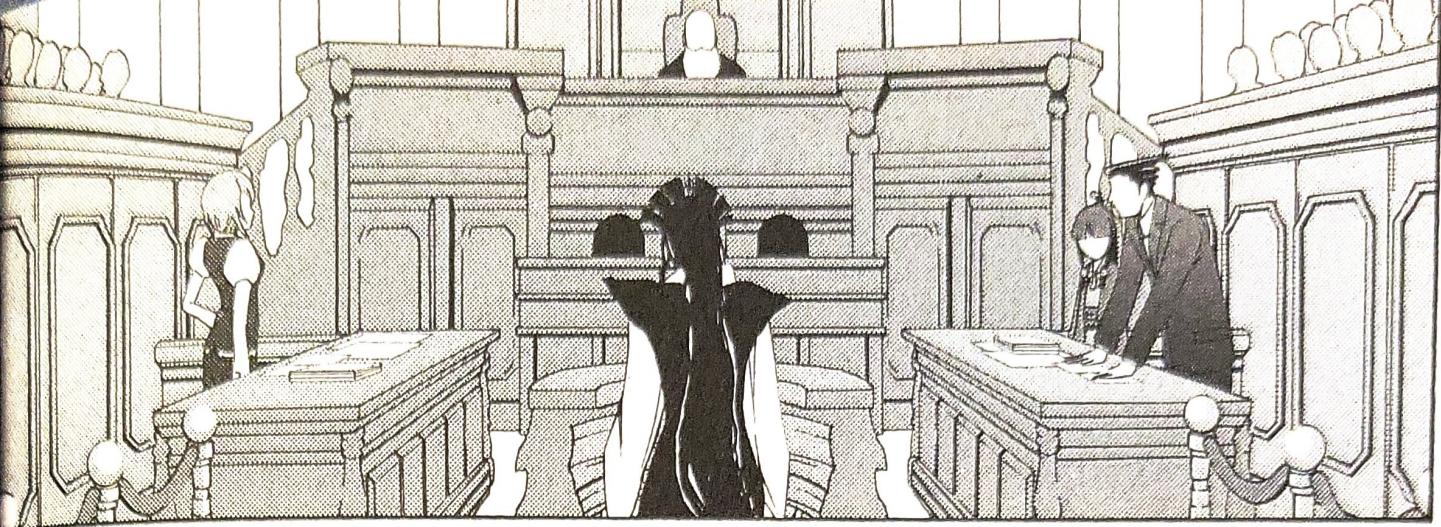
WHIP!

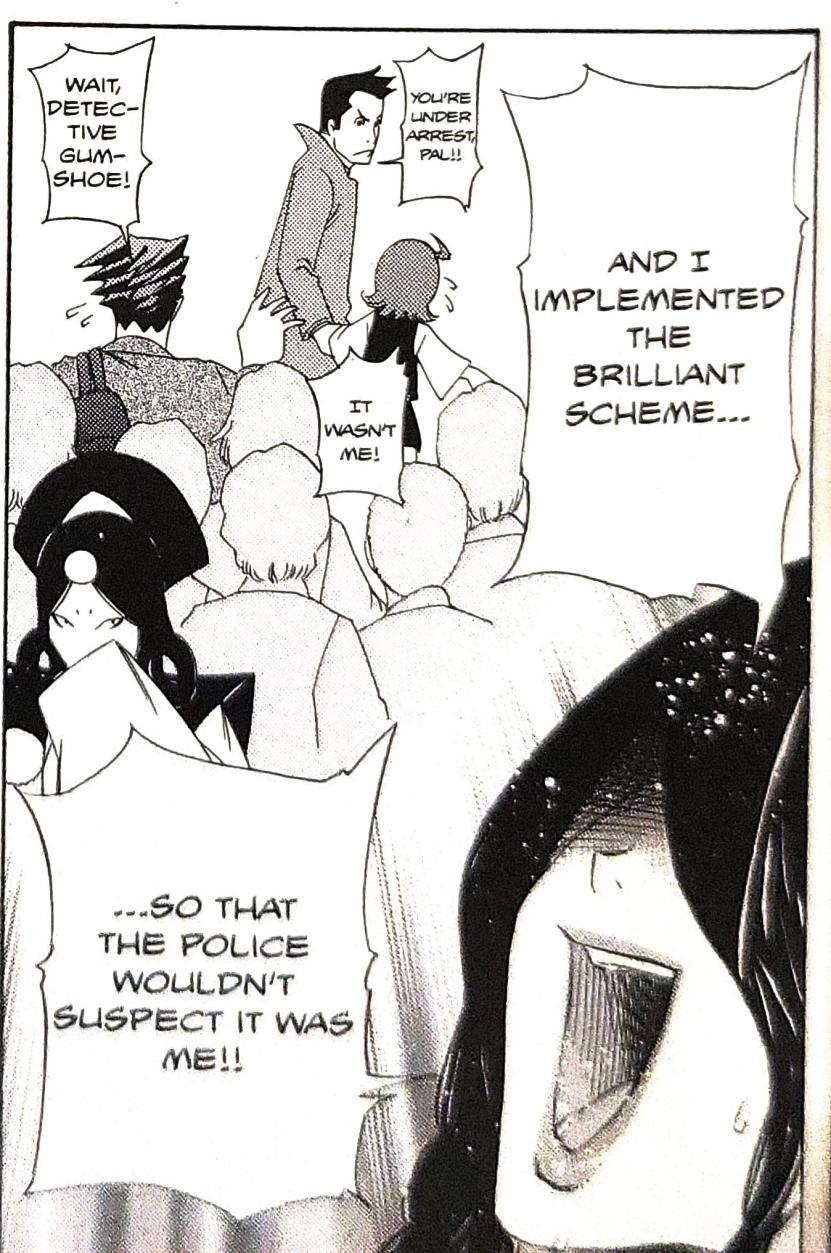
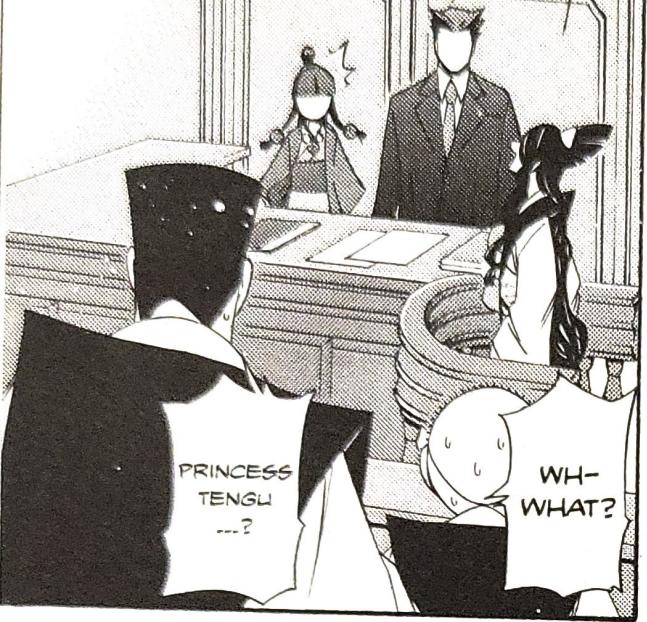
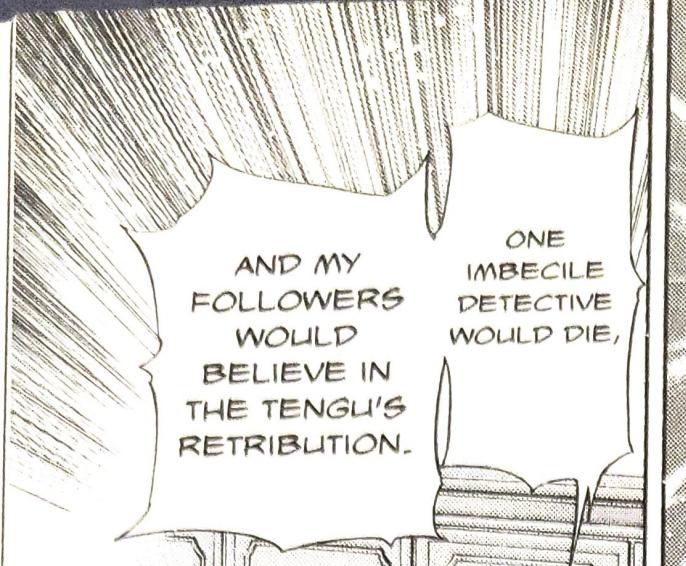
TO MAKE US
THINK THE
VICTIM WAS
STILL ALIVE!!

!!!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
RUMBLE





HEH HEH
HEH... DO YOU
KNOW HOW I
CLOSED THE
TRAPDOOR IN
THE CEILING...

DO YOU...
HONESTLY
BELIEVE IN
TENGU?

BEFORE THE
POLICE
ARRIVED
AFTER THE
CORPSE
WAS FOUND?
WITHOUT THE
STEPLADDER?

THERE WAS ONLY
ONE WAY OF
COURSE!!

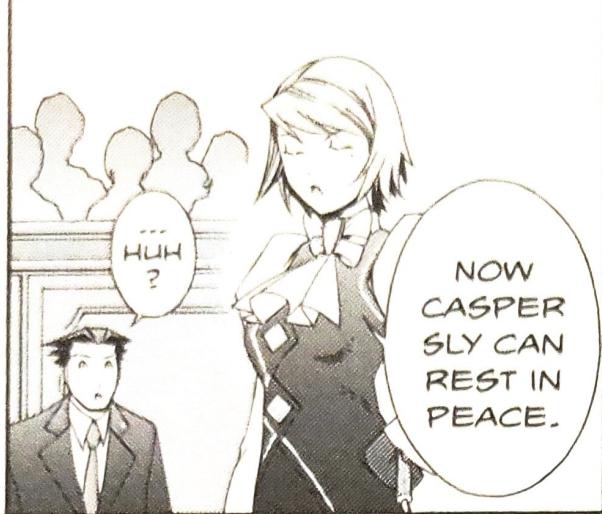
I CLIMBED UP
THE STATUE!!

CAN YOU
HONESTLY
WORSHIP A
STATUE?

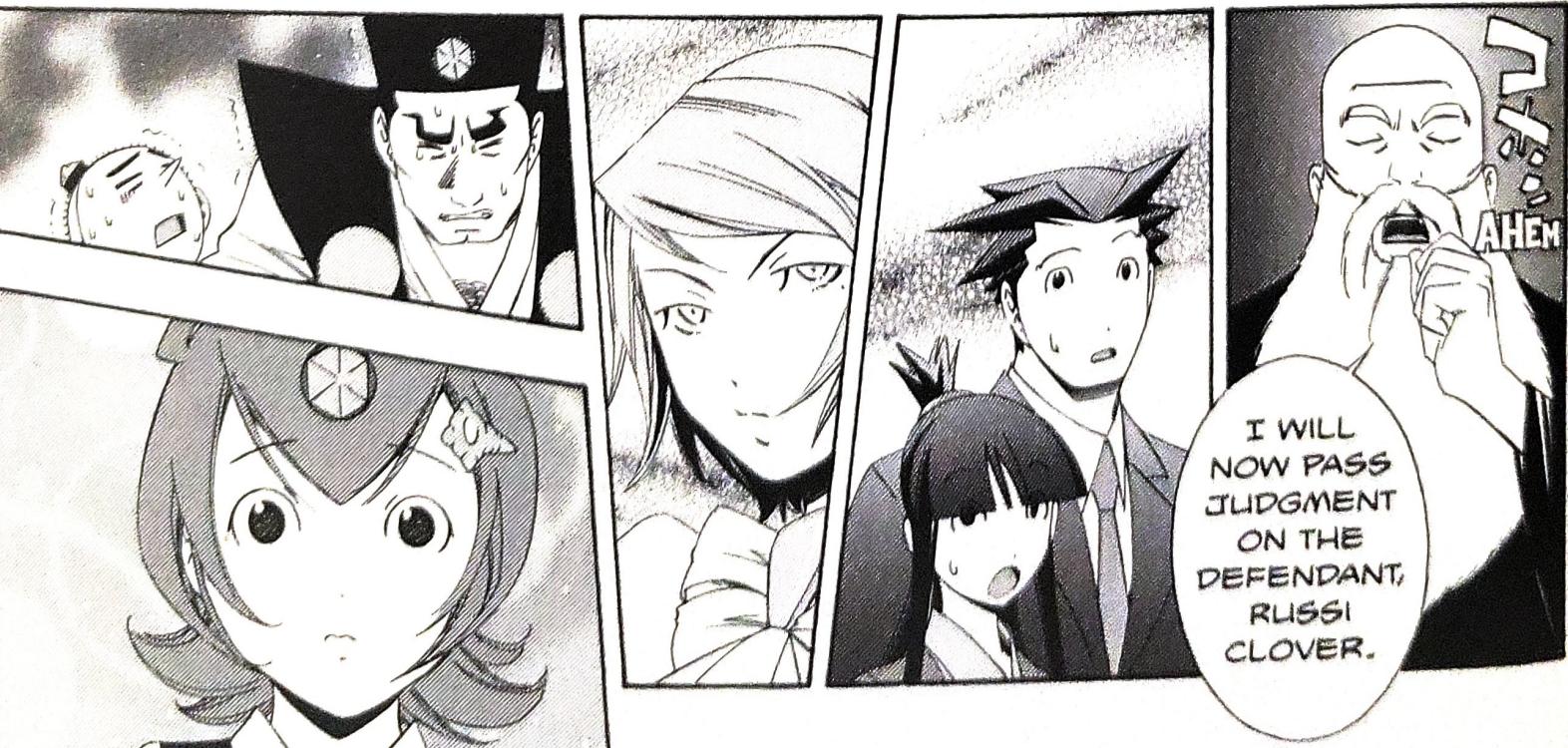
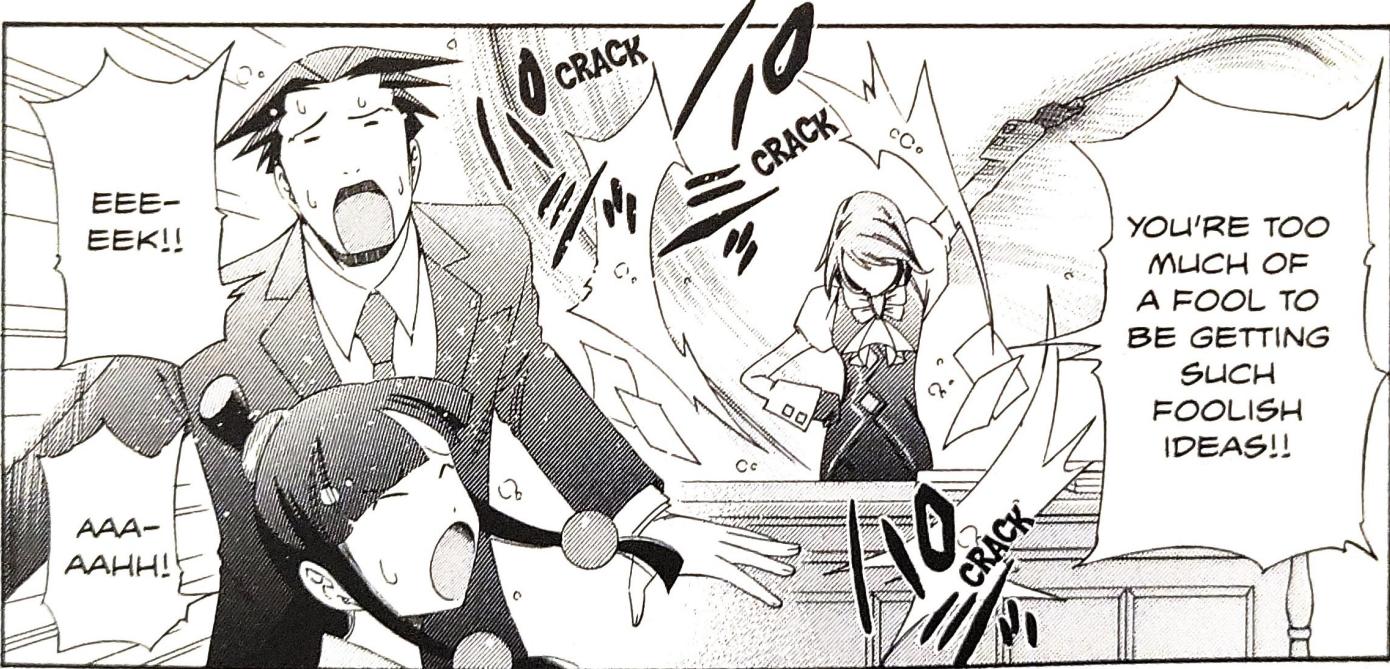
I WAS THE
ONE WHO
BROKE THE
TENGU'S
NOSE!! HEE
HEE HEE
HEE HEE!

NOW DO
YOU GET
IT!?

THAT'S
HOW ITS NOSE
GOT BENT!!

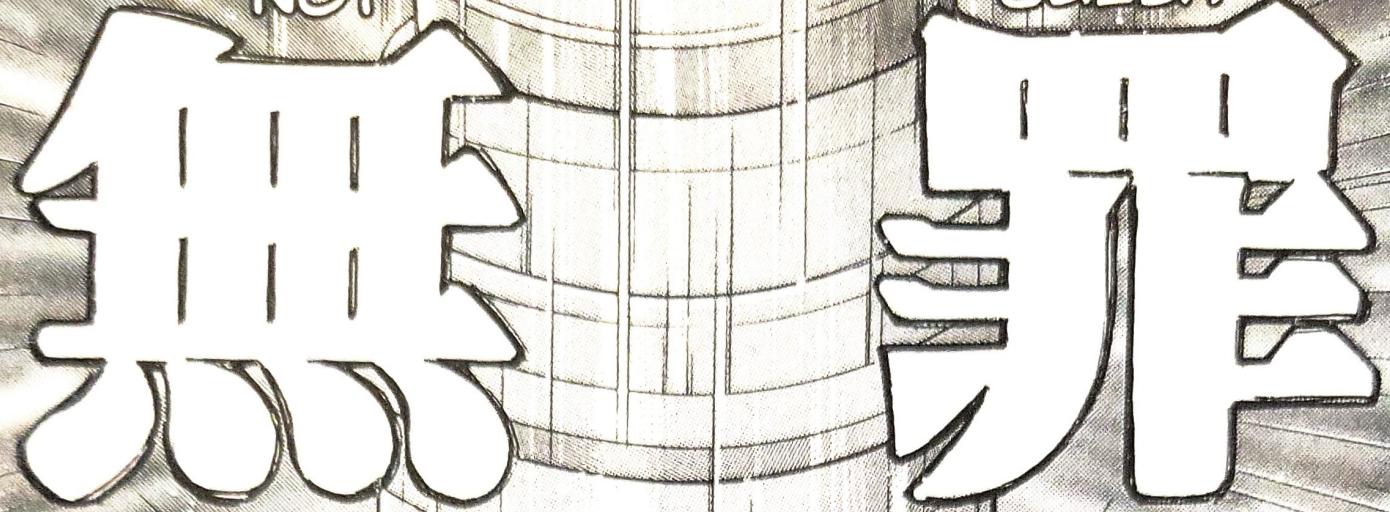


I TOLD YOU THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS TENGU.

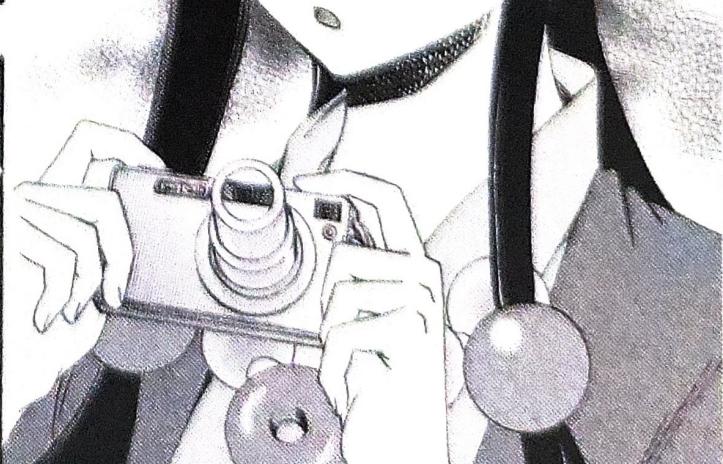
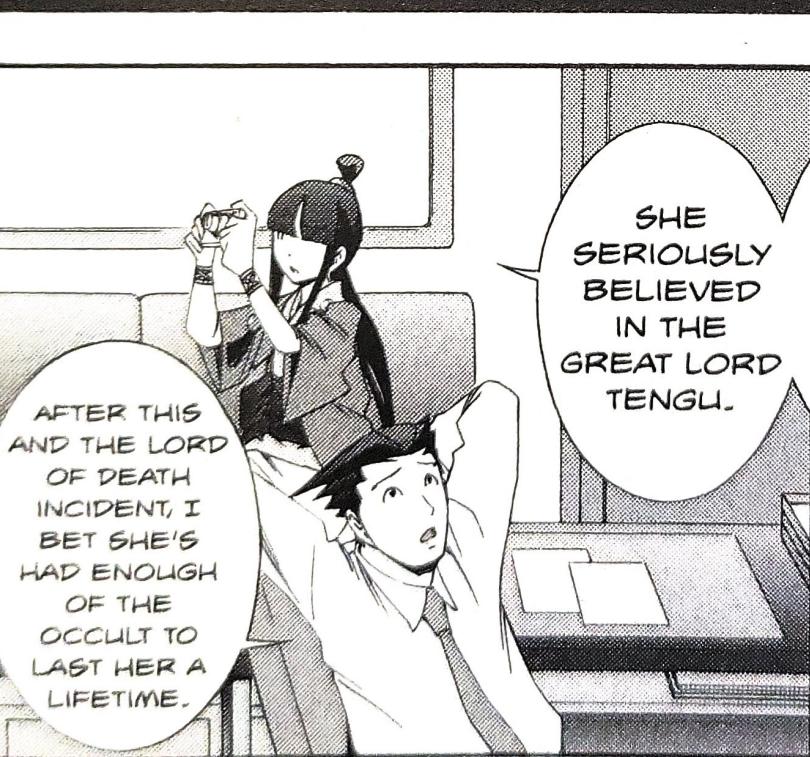


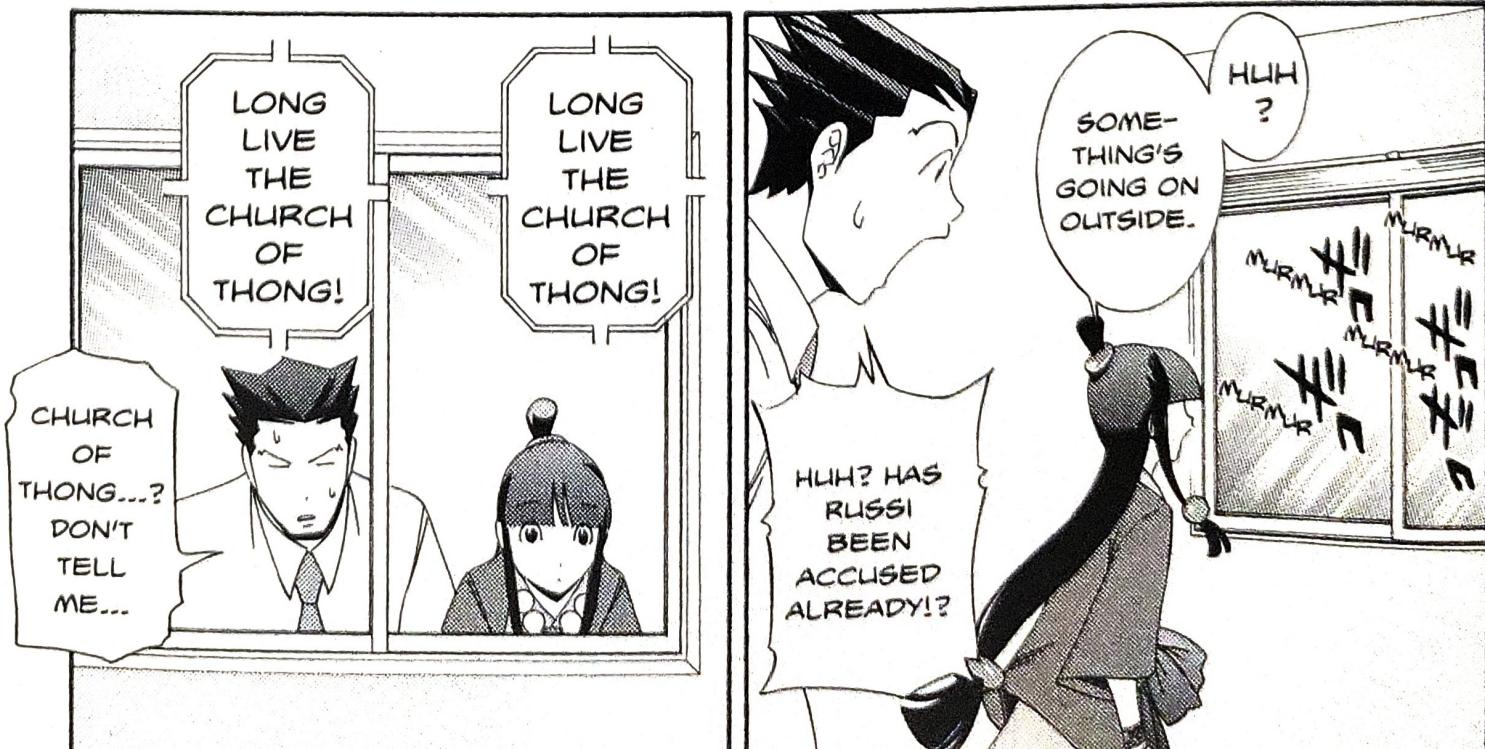
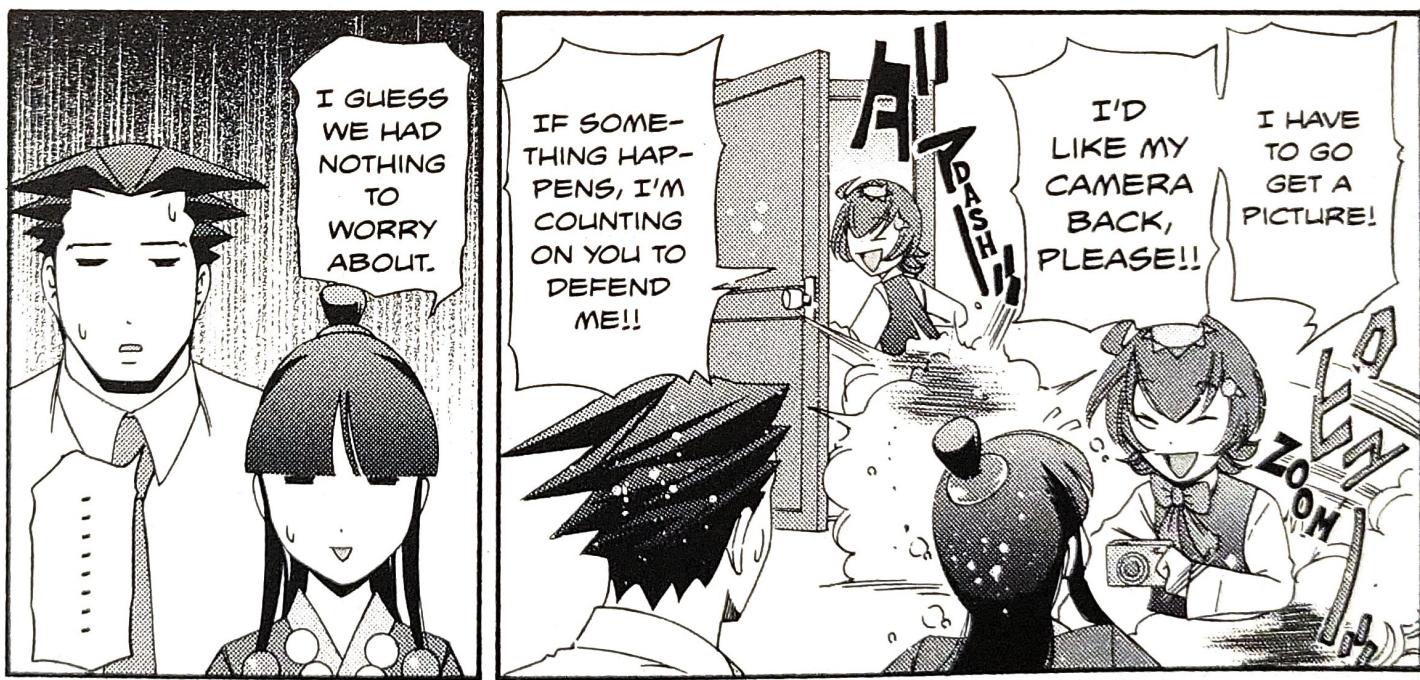
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GUILTY

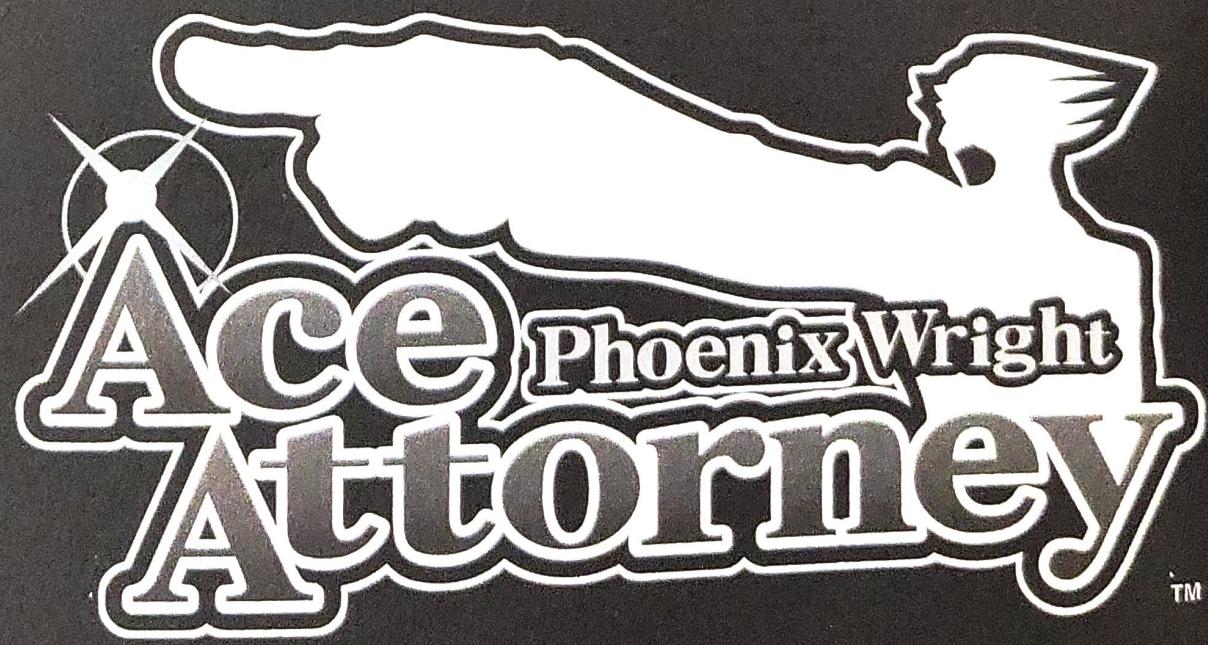


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